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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

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1441 Standard Building
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October 31, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

RE: BENED

In confirmation of my teletype to you of October 30, 1936, requesting correspondence records of Charles Webb, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #36545, received there January 8, 1931, and the correspondence and criminal records, as well as photographs of Eli Stewart and Frank Trabowski, who are believed to have been sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1931, from Dayton, Ohio, in connection with the same post office violation on which Webb was convicted, please be advised that this information was requested as a possible aid in bringing about the apprehension of Benson Monroe, who was an associate of the aforementioned persons.

Colin Monroe, alias Coolie Monroe, alias Colin Munro, is a potential defendant in connection with harboring or in fugitives of this case in the Northern District of Ohio. He was interviewed on February 3, 1936, at Toledo, Ohio, by Inspector L. J. Connelley, as set out in report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 23, 1936. At the time of interview he stated he served time in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta from September 1931, to July 1932, being sentenced by the United States District Court at Toledo to serve one year and one day in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, on a charge of smuggling liquor.

The description of Monroe, as obtained by Inspector Connelley at the time of interview, is as follows:

Age	-	37 years (2-23-36)
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	167 pounds
Eyes	-	Gray
Hair	-	Dark blonde
Marital Status	-	Single
Relatives	-	Claims to have no living relatives.

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It is requested that you determine the complete criminal record of Monroe at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, and that you secure a photograph and his complete correspondence record and forward same to the Cleveland office. As this information may be of value in locating Monroe, whose exact location is not presently known, it is requested that you expedite your investigation inasmuch as it is expected that a warrant may issue for Monroe in the Northern District of Ohio, within the next ten days.

Very truly yours,

EJK/EJB
CC - Bureau
- Chicago
- Cincinnati

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE TELETYPE YESTERDAY FROM CLEVELAND REQUESTING ATLANTA
OFFICE FORWARD AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY CORRESPONDENCE RECORD EDWARD WEBB,
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, NUMBER THREE SIX FIVE FOUR FIVE,
RECEIVED JANUARY EIGHTH, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE, SENTENCED FIVE YEARS, ALSO
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FRANK GRABOWSKI, BELIEVED SENTENCED TO ATLANTA PENITENTIARY IN NINETEEN THIRY
ONE. CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPH OF EDWARD WEBB OBTAINED AND BEING
FORWARDED CLEVELAND AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TODAY. ELI STEWART AND FRANK
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USA, DAYTON, OHIO, REFLECTS WEBB, STEWART, GRABOWSKI, JAMES TIP ONIKILL AND
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ATLANTA. GRABOWSKI AND STEWART APPARENTLY SERVED SENTENCES ELSEWHERE. CINCINNATI
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Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland Bureau office
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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Date October 30, 1936

Dear Sir:

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Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
255509	Okla. St. Pen. #24696	John Brock, aliases: John Brack; J. S. Adams J. C. Creighton; Harold Johnson	Arrested as J. D. Adams, S.O. Pawnee, Okla. 5/17/23; suspicion. 9/20/33 rec'd Okla. St. Pen. McAlester, Okla.
#13510			#13516 larceny of auto. Sentenced from Pawnee City. to 12 years. Discharged by expiration of sentence, 9/24/29.

The Bureau files do not reflect the above sentence in McAlester,
although apparently fingerprint were taken at that time. The record
on this sentence was obtained by correspondence with the Oklahoma
State Penitentiary.

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Very truly yours, FELIX H. COOPER

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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(For instructions see reverse side)

775 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

October 30
1936

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In answer to your request of October 26th, 1936, that your Office be furnished with the investigative report covering the tracing of .45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, #C-175221, shipped to the Belknap Hardware & Manufacturing Company of Louisville, Kentucky, I am enclosing herewith report of Special Agent A. L. Meyer, dated at Louisville, Kentucky, 10-22-36, showing the result of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

O. C. DENBY
Special Agent in Charge

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October 31, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

Walter Walmsley

Copy to:
E. J. Connelley,
c/o Cleveland Bureau Office.

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Very truly yours,

OCT 31 1936

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Cleveland, Ohio	10/30/36	10/23-26/36	JOHN L. MADALA EJB
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
GEORGE TIMINNY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Margaret Ball, colored maid at Edith Barry's house of prostitution, furnished signed statement and recalls that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell resided at Barry house at various times in 1934 and 1935. Identifies several members of Barker-Karpis gang as visitors there in summer of 1934, and identifies John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, Joe Roscoe, and Fred Hunter as visitors to Karpis and Campbell in 1935. She also identifies Benson Groves, Sam Coker, and James "Tip" O'Neil as persons who frequented Edith Barry's place in 1935 and 1936. States that "Sharkey" Gorman drove away in early February, 1935, with Karpis from Barry house. Frank P. Greenwald, owner of Private Cab Company, denies delivering messages for Karpis and Campbell, and disclaims knowledge that Joe Roscoe and Karpis and Campbell were known to each other. Walter Walsmsley, negro houseman at Edith Barry's house, made signed statement that he had knowledge of true identities of Karpis and Campbell after he gave Karpis a haircut in spring of 1935. Admits performing errands for them on several occasions thereafter. Identifies Fred Hunter as one of visitors had by Karpis and Campbell. States he saw green coupe parked in front of Barry house while Karpis and Campbell lived there, and that Lou Poole parked said car away from house. Again saw this car two days after above occasion. Recalls that Karpis and Campbell were driving a 1933 model Ford coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license plates #HM 54 in spring of 1935. Identifies Sam Coker and Benson Groves as being together on one occasion at Barry house in early 1936. Mary Foster, negro day maid, can only identify Karpis as one of two</p>			
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men who lived at Miss Barry's home on two or three occasions in early 1935.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 10/24/36.

DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and the writer relative to the investigation conducted by them at Toledo, Ohio, and it is also intended to be supplementary to the summary reports of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 25, 1936, and Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 1936.

Margaret Ball, negro maid employed by Edith Barry, and who resides at 431 Pinewood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was brought to the temporary office being maintained at Toledo, Ohio, where she was interviewed. She signed the following statement, which is quoted herewith:

"Toledo, Ohio
"October 23, 1936.

"I, MARGARET BALL, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I am 46 years of age, and am presently residing with my husband, Albert Ball at 431 Pinewood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. I have been married since January 17, 1935.

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"I have been employed by Edith Barry as a maid at the house of prostitution operated by her at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio since 1925, except for short periods of time when business was slack. During the years of 1934 and the first part of 1935 two girls named Lou and Peaches were employed as prostitutes at Edith Barry's house. Walter Walmesley, a negro, has been employed as a houseman at Miss Barry's house for the past six years, and Mary whose last name is either Foster or Smith, has been employed as a day maid by Edith Barry for about the same length of time.

"Sometime during the late spring or early summer of 1934, three men called at Edith Barry's house. I did not recognize them, and acting upon the instructions that Edith had given me, not to admit strangers, I called Miss Barry who admitted these men. They sat in the dining room and talked with Miss Barry for a while, after which one of the men upstairs and was entertained by either Peaches or Lou. From a group of photographs I have selected that of William J. Harrison, and identify it as being the likeness of one of the three men I am speaking about, as the man who went upstairs that night. I recall that he was a jolly sort of fellow who cut up quite a bit, and he was referred to as Willie. I have also selected the photographs of Charles J. Fitzgerald and Alvin Karpis as being photographs of the two men who were with Willie that night. Karpis was known to me by the name of Sonny, and Fitzgerald was referred to merely as the Old Man. I recall that these men were still at Edith Barry's house drinking beer in the dining room when I went off duty at 4:00 A. M. From the conversation I overheard between Miss Barry and these men I have mentioned, it appeared that this was the first time that she had met them.

"About a week or ten days later the men whom I have identified as William J. Harrison and Charles J. Fitzgerald came to Edith Barry's house in the company of two men whom I had not seen before. I admitted them and took them to the dining room where I served them some beer. From a group of photographs shown me, I have selected the photographs of James F. Wilson, whom I knew as Jimmy, and of Fred Barker, whose name I never learned, as two of these men. I recall that the man I have identified as Fred Barker was short and slender, and I especially recall that his fingers on one hand were bandaged. I recall that Fred Barker and Jimmy went upstairs, and to my best recollection both had dates with Lou. Willie and the Old Man remained in the dining room talking with Miss Barry. All four of these men were still at the house when I went off duty at 4:00 A. M.

"I have selected a photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and recall that this man was known to me only as Doc. He called at the house of Miss Barry on several occasions around this time, and was always by himself at these times. I cannot recall him having a date with any girl but Lou. He was a heavy drinker, and I remember that he would play the song called, 'The Last Roundup' on the phonograph as much as four or five times in succession. I recall Miss Barry mentioning after the last time that I saw Doc, that he owed her about \$30.00, and that he also owed Lou some money. Lou mentioned that she hoped to run into him some place, but I never heard her say that she was successful in locating him.

"I have selected the photograph of Russell Gibson and state that I saw this man only once. I never heard this man's name mentioned, but recall that one evening when I reported for work he was in the hallway upstairs and was ready to leave Miss Barry's house.

"I have identified the photograph of Oliver A. Berg as being the likeness of a man I saw at Edith Barry's house during the summer of 1934 on only one occasion. I am unable to state whether anyone was with this man, nor do I recall anything about his visit there. I did not know his name, and only recall that he was a middle-aged man.

"I have identified two photographs of Harry Campbell and state that I saw this man at Edith Barry's house on at least four or five occasions during the summer of 1934. I can recall that he had dates with the girl named Lou, and he always was alone when I saw him. I do not remember having heard his name or the nickname used by him at that time.

"I am personally acquainted with Joe Roscoe, having known him since I first went to work for Edith Barry in 1925, where I first got to know him. Since that time he occasionally paid friendly visits to Miss Barry. I cannot ever remember Mr. Roscoe going upstairs to be entertained by one of the prostitutes working there. I have never heard that Joe Roscoe owned or operated the 42nd Street Cafe, but I understand from conversations at Miss Barry's house that he is interested in a gambling place called the Jovial Club which is located on St. Clair Street, Toledo. I know that Mr. Roscoe's wife's name is Ganey.

"I have selected and identified a photograph of James F. O'Neill as a man who is known to me only as Jimmy. I have seen this man on various occasions since I first went to work for Edith Barry. I have seen him a couple of times in the past year, and remember that for a period of about four or five years before that, he did not visit Miss Barry's house. From conversations I have overheard and from personal observation I understand that Jimmy is an old sweetheart of Miss Barry. I understand that Jimmy is from Cleveland, Ohio, and he occasionally calls Miss Barry by long distance telephone.

"I am personally acquainted with Frank Greenwald who is generally referred to as Greenie and know that he operates the Private Cab Service Company in Toledo. Mr. Greenwald has called at Miss Barry's house since I first obtained employment there. He occasionally brings customers to the house, and he is very friendly with Miss Barry with whom he occasionally visits. Edith always calls Greenie when she desires the services of a taxi cab to perform any services or errands for her. I have seen Greenie and Joe Roscoe speaking together at Edith Barry's house. They appear to be friendly and call each other by their first names.

"I have selected and identified a photograph of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman as a man who was known to me only as "Sharkey." I saw him on one occasion at Miss Barry's house about ten years ago, and have since heard Edith Barry speak of him and she mentioned that he was from Cleveland, Ohio. I will mention "Sharkey" again later in this statement.

"During the year 1935 I either went to work at 7:00 P. M. and quit at 2:00 A. M., or I went to work at 9:00 P. M. and worked until 4:00 A. M. the following morning. My duties as maid consist of straightening up the bedrooms after visitors have left, of calling prostitutes to the house when visitors desired them, of answering the front door, and of serving midnight lunch to such girls as are regularly employed there.

"About ten o'clock one night during the latter part of January 1935, Edith called to me from upstairs and told me she was expecting a couple of boys. I understood from this that I was to let them into the house when they called. About two hours later the front door bell rang, and I answered it. As I opened the door I observed two men standing on the porch, and recognized them as the two men I have previously identified as Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. I let them into the house, and as they were standing in the hall Miss Barry came downstairs and I went to the rear of the house. At the time I admitted these men to the house Karpis was carrying a small black leather

hand bag. I did not hear any conversation between Edith and these men other than a greeting of hello. I did not see anybody with Karpis and Campbell when they called at the house, nor did I notice any automobile parked in front of the house, and do not know how they came there.

"About five minutes after I left these men in the hall with Edith, I went to the front of the house, but did not see either them or Miss Barry, and I presume they went upstairs, as I later discovered they were still in the house. About one or one-thirty a. m. Miss Barry called from upstairs, and asked me to bring up a couple bottles of beer, which I did. I delivered this beer to Miss Barry in the hall on the second floor, and she took it into the right front bedroom which adjoins her bedroom. I presume that these men were still at the house when I left about four a. m., as no one left from the time that I admitted Karpis and Campbell until the time that I went off duty.

"Subsequent to this night Karpis and Campbell stayed at Miss Barry's house at different times, and I knew Karpis by the name of Sonny, and knew Campbell as Buck, and when I refer to these men after this I will call them by these nicknames.

"The following night and for about a week to ten days thereafter I knew that Sonny and Buck were still staying at Miss Barry's house, and from what Mary, the day maid, and Peaches and Lou told me, I understood that Sonny and Buck were also there during the day when I was off duty. During the first part of the time they were there, I very seldom saw them as they did not leave the bedroom they were occupying. During the latter part of their stay, they came downstairs a few times to play the victrola. Buck was generally with Lou, and I remember that he drank a lot of beer, the price of a bottle of beer being 50¢. Sonny very seldom drank, and as far as I know he never had a date with any of the girls at the house, and I understood he had a venereal disease. Edith spent a great deal of her time upstairs during this period. Occasionally I took sandwiches upstairs to Miss Barry, Sonny, Lou, and Buck, and I also served drinks to them at different times in the front bedroom when all four persons that I have mentioned were there. When Miss Barry and Sonny were in this bedroom alone, I was not permitted to enter, but Miss Barry would take the drinks or food from me at the door.

"A couple of nights after Sonny and Buck arrived at Miss Barry's house, Joe Roscoe called and I admitted him into the living room. Miss Barry came downstairs and talked to him a few minutes, and both then went upstairs. Shortly afterwards

at Miss Barry's request I took four beers upstairs and delivered them to Miss Barry who was in the hall. Joe Roscoe at that time was in the right front bedroom with Sonny and Buck, and Miss Barry took the drinks into their room. I did not overhear any conversation during the time Joe Roscoe was in the house, and he left alone about an hour after he arrived.

"About the third night that Sonny and Buck were at Miss Barry's house, Frank Greenwald called and delivered a carton of cigarettes to Miss Barry. He thereafter went upstairs to the right front bedroom, because shortly afterwards I served him a bottle of beer at which time he was standing in the open doorway of that room. At that time Sonny and Buck were in this same bedroom. Greenie remained at the house for only ten or fifteen minutes at this time, and left alone.

"About a week or so after Sonny and Buck arrived at Miss Edith's house, I came to work at the usual time. As I entered, a man whom I knew as "Sharkey", and who I have already identified as being the same man as John R. Gorman, was standing in the hallway fully clothed with his hat on. A few minutes later Sonny came downstairs. He was carrying the small black leather case I have previously described under his arm, and he and "Sharkey" left the house together, and drove away in an automobile which had been parked in front of the house a few minutes before when I reported for work. As I recall Buck stayed at Miss Edith's house that night, but the next evening when I came to work he was gone. I also learned from Lou that night that Buck had gone away.

"I can't place the exact date but it was sometime early in the spring and about two months after Sonny and Buck left Miss Barry's house after their above stay, that Sonny and Buck returned to Miss Edith's house. I recall that they came there around ten p. m., Miss Edith admitting them and thereafter all three of them went upstairs. I did not see anything more of them that night. I remember that Lou had mentioned to me before Sonny and Buck arrived that she had been expecting them to return, and she was disappointed when they did not arrive at the time she apparently expected them to.

"A short time after Sonny and Buck arrived on the above occasion, Lou left the house and returned in a short while. I do not know where she went but I remember that on the following night she mentioned to me that Sonny and Buck had an accident in their automobile.

"About three nights after Sonny and Buck arrived I heard Miss Edith admit someone into the house, and take him upstairs. It seemed that an hour or so later Miss Edith admitted another person to the house, and this party was also taken upstairs. I did not see either of these persons, and therefore am unable to identify them. I did not serve any drinks that night, and had no occasion to go upstairs, but I believe that these two persons were in the front bedroom with Sonny and Buck. Sometime after midnight I heard Miss Edith come downstairs with either one or both of the persons who came there that night, and apparently left the person or persons out, as I heard the front door open and close.

"It was around this time that Joe Roscoe called late one evening, and I let him in the house. Miss Edith was upstairs and she called to him to go up, and he did so. Later that same night I served beer to Miss Edith and Buck and a coca-cola for either Mr. Roscoe or Sonny. All of them were in the right front bedroom. I recall that Mr. Roscoe stayed for about a half hour or so, and I let him out the front door. I remember that Miss Edith told me about this time, that Mr. Roscoe had either been to the hospital or was going to the hospital because of some infection.

"Mr. Joe Roscoe called at the house a second time while Sonny and Buck were at Miss Edith's house during this period. After Mr. Roscoe came in, Sonny and Buck came downstairs, and joined Mr. Roscoe, and the three of them with Miss Edith went into the dining room and talked together. I went into the front sitting room, and saw them there when I passed through the hall. Mr. Roscoe remained only a short while, and then left by himself. Miss Edith let him out the door.

"I recall that during this period Greenie made frequent visits to the house, mostly for the purpose of running errands for Miss Edith, the nature of which I did not know.

"I also remember that around this period Peaches and Lou were working at Miss Edith's house. A girl named Maxine also was there for a while before Buck and Sonny left on this occasion. I remember that Lou and Buck were very friendly, and one night Lou told me that she was going away, and was going to be a 'kept' woman. I did not ask her who was going to keep her, but I understood that she would live with Buck if she did go away. Later that same night Lou told Miss Edith that she was going away, and apparently also told Miss Edith she intended to have some man keep her, as Miss Berry became very indignant and I heard her ask Lou what she would do about her daughter, and Miss Edith told her that she couldn't do such a thing while she had a husband.

"A day or two before Buck left Miss Edith's house I remember that one evening a man who was known to me as Freddie was already at the house when I reported for work around nine p. m. Later on during the evening Freddie and Buck came downstairs in the dining room, and played the victrola. I have selected and identified a photograph of Fred Hunter as being the man I refer to and who is known to me as Freddie. I cannot exactly recall when Buck and Sonny left Miss Edith's house on this occasion when they stayed there, as both of them left when I was not on duty. It seems to me that on the night that Freddie and Buck were both at the house, that Sonny was not there, and it is possible that he may have already left. I recall that Freddie was still at the house when I left at around four a. m., and I suppose he stayed overnight.

"I recall that shortly after Sonny and Buck left Edith Barry's house, both Lou and Peaches moved away, leaving Maxine as the only girls there. It seems to me that it was only a few days after Lou left, that Buck returned one evening and had me call a girl for him. I telephoned a call girl named Helen who frequently answers calls out of Edith's house. After she arrived Buck went upstairs and had a party with her, and then left shortly afterwards.

"Sometime during the week preceding Easter Sunday, 1935, Sonny again came to Miss Edith's house. He must have come during the day, as he was already there when I came to work one night. I remember Sonny was there early Sunday morning when I went off duty, because he gave me \$10.00 with which to buy my mother some flowers. During this time Buck visited Sonny twice that I know of. Both times he was already at the house when I came to work, and he left shortly afterwards. I do not recall any other person visiting Sonny around this time, but I do recall that Lou came to the house on the eve of Easter Sunday, and fixed up some Easter baskets. Lou did not stay overnight on this occasion. I believe that Sonny left either Easter Sunday or the following day, as he was already gone when I reported for work one of these evenings.

"After the above visits of Buck and Sonny to Miss Barry's house around Easter time in 1935, I did not see either of these men again.

"I recall that Lou returned to work at Miss Barry's house in the latter part of the summer of 1935, and I recall that she and Miss Edith spent a few days at Cedar Point on Lake Erie, Ohio. About the first of September 1935 I was laid off by Miss Barry for about three weeks. When I returned to work during the

last part of September 1935. I recall that one evening when
I reported for work

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"I cannot place the exact date, and I can recall only that it was sometime around this period of time, that Freddie accompanied by another man visited Miss Barry's house. I have been shown a photograph of Sam Coker, and identify it as being the likeness of the man who was with Freddie that night. I heard Miss Edith refer to this man as Tommy. Tommy and Freddie sat in the dining room and talked with Miss Barry for a short time, and then left together. I thereafter saw Tommy on three or four other occasions visiting Miss Barry at her house during the past winter and spring. He was always alone at such times when I saw him call at the house. Two or three times Tommy went out with Edith Barry to the Business Men's Club operated by Johnny Thomas. I also remember that they spoke of the Little Club as a place they had visited. Whenever Tommy and Edith went out they called one of the Private Cabs operated by Frank Greenwald.

"I was laid off and was not working during a great portion of the fall of 1935. I recall that it was sometime probably in December 1935 or January 1936, that I first saw an old man at Miss Barry's house who was known to me as Ben. I have identified a photograph of Benson Groves as being this man who is known to me as Ben. I recall that when I first went to work for Miss Edith about the year 1925, Ben visited Miss Barry's house on several occasions. On at least one occasion I recall that he was in the company of Jimmy O'Neil. Since Ben began visiting Miss Barry's house in December 1935, or January 1936, I recall that once he was in the company of Joe Roscoe. They were already at the house when I reported for work, and sat in the front room and talked with Miss Edith. They remained only a short while and left together. The last time I saw Ben was in the late spring or sometime early in the past summer.

"I did not know that Sonny and Buck were Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell until I read in the Toledo newspapers that Karpis was captured. At that time there were photographs of both Karpis and Campbell in the paper and I recognized them as being Sonny and Buck. Edith told me during the time that Sonny and Buck were living at her house that they were gamblers.

"I have read the above typewritten statement contained on seven pages and here sign to vouch for its truth.

WITNESSES:

/s/ MARGARET BALL

J. L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan
Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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Cleveland, Ohio."

The original statement obtained from Margaret Ball has been placed in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office.

Margaret Ball stated that she was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, 46 years ago. Her father is dead and she is presently residing with her mother and husband. Albert Ball, her husband, is employed at the Richardson Garage. Margaret Ball has one sister, Mrs. Lucinda Arnette, who resides at 433 Pinewood Avenue.

Margaret Ball was questioned at length as to whom she thought Karpis and Campbell were, during the time that they were at Edith Barry's house, and she stated that she thought they were gamblers from what Edith told her; that she did not notice anything unusual about their conduct or actions and did not become suspicious of them; that it was the usual custom at Edith Barry's house to keep the doors to the bedroom locked or shut whenever a visitor was there with one of the girls; that at times some of the customers at the house would stay for a week or longer and would spend practically all of the time in one of the upstairs bedrooms; that for the above reasons she did not notice anything out of the ordinary in the conduct of Karpis and Campbell; that she never saw a gun on either Karpis or Campbell; that she never cleaned or straightened up their bedroom and had no opportunity to enter it except when she delivered drinks to the room; that on such occasions Edith Barry generally took these drinks from her outside the bedroom door.

Margaret Ball stated that she never called the 42nd Street Cafe to locate Joe Roscoe; that she never heard Edith talk with Joe Roscoe on the telephone and does not know how Edith gets in touch

with him; that for years Roscoe has occasionally visited Edith's house, but that during the time Campbell and Karpis were residing there, Roscoe visited the house more frequently; that she recalls that Roscoe visited Edith's place on two or three occasions in February and March 1935, when Karpis and Campbell were not there; that Roscoe visited there only a few times after Karpis and Campbell left the house and she has not seen him since the past spring or early summer.

Margaret Ball stated further that she is certain that she saw "Sharkey" Gorman at Edith's house only once during the past two years; that inasmuch as she works only between 9 P. M. and 4 A. M. it is possible that "Sharkey" may have called at the house without her knowing of it.

This woman was questioned at length concerning Benson Groves, but she was unable to provide any further information than that which is contained in her statement; that this man spoke very little and she had no information as to where he resided, or the persons with whom he was acquainted other than Joe Roscoe and Jimmy "Tip" O'Neil.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala, A. Dickstein, and D. P. Sullivan on October 22, 1936:

Frank P. Greenwald, alias Greenie, owner of the ~~Private~~ Taxi Service Company, 520 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio, was again interviewed by Agents, after it had been ascertained from Lillian Mereea that Greenie was used by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, through Edith Barry, to deliver messages to Joe Roscoe. Mr. Greenwald was questioned at great length concerning this matter, and he definitely denied any such action. He again admitted that on two occasions he drove Edith Barry to the 42nd Street Cafe where she talked privately with Joe Roscoe, but other than that he disclaimed any contact with Roscoe. He denied that he ever drove Joe Roscoe to or from Miss Barry's place, and likewise denied knowing that Karpis and Campbell resided at her house at any time during 1935.

Greenwald was again questioned relative to the place to which he drove Karpis and Campbell on the morning of January 22, 1935, when they abandoned the car they stole from the doctor whom they kidnapped in Pennsylvania, and he persisted that it was to the Casino Club, stating that he does not know where they proceeded thereafter, as he was released immediately after the trip. He advised that Cooley Monroe was with Karpis and Campbell when he saw them last on this occasion, and that in all probability he knows where they went.

It will be recalled that Lillian Merea advised Agents that Greenwald on two occasions drove her and Edith Barry to the 42nd Street Cafe where the Barry woman talked privately with an old man whom she identified as Benson Groves. In this connection Agents displayed a photograph of Benson Groves to Frank Greenwald, and he advised that he is certain he never saw this individual in his life. He denied that he ever drove a man resembling Groves in his taxi cab, and likewise denied that he ever saw any such person at the 42nd Street Cafe.

Greenwald disclaimed any knowledge of the fact that Joe Roscoe had some connection with Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell during 1935 or any other time, and in general would furnish no information in addition to what is already contained in the signed statements obtained from him.

It might be stated that he is still residing with Anna Pearce at 2105 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

The fingerprints of Frank P. Greenwald were taken and forwarded to the Bureau under date of October 24, 1936.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala, A. Dickstein, and D. P. Sullivan:

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley, on October 22, 1936, Walter Walmsley, houseman for Edith Barry, was located at his home at 528 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio, and brought to the temporary offices of the Bureau at Toledo, where he was interviewed in detail, and the following signed statement obtained from him:

"Toledo, Ohio
"October 26, 1936.

"I, WALTER WALMSLEY, do hereby make the following signed statement to John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, no threats or promises having been made to me.

"I was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, on June 5, 1900. I resided in Toledo, Ohio for the past 14 years, and in 1929 or 1930 I went to work in the house of prostitution of Edith Barry at 524 Southard Street, Toledo, where I have been continuously employed since that time. I reside at 528 Southard Street.

"I recall reading in the newspapers of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota at the time he was kidnaped, and remember reading that he was held for \$200,000 ransom. I recall reading shortly after the kidnaping that the fingerprints of a person suspected of the Bremer kidnaping, and whom I now recall to have been Alvin Karpis, were found on a gasoline can which to my best recollection was found on a road somewhere in the state of Illinois. Thereafter I recall reading that Alvin Karpis was indicted for the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer. The next thing I remember reading in the newspapers related to the arrest of Wynona Burdett and two other women who were described as being 'molls' of the Barker-Karpis gang, and this article also mentioned that Alvin Karpis was a public enemy and was wanted for the Bremer kidnaping, for a police killing, and for several robberies.

"As I best recall it was sometime during the month of January 1935 that I remember reading in the newspapers of the killing of Ma Barker and her son, Fred, by Federal Agents near some small lake in Florida, and that thereafter Karpis and Campbell fled from the state of Florida, and as I now recall it they went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I remember reading in the newspapers of Karpis and Campbell shooting their way out of a hotel in Philadelphia or Atlantic City, N. J., and that when they left they deserted a woman named Dolores Delaney who was pregnant and whom the newspapers stated was the sweetheart of Alvin Karpis. The newspapers also stated that there was another woman left with Dolores Delaney, but I cannot now recall just who it was. Thereafter I remember

reading that Karpis and Campbell kidnaped a doctor and released him in a hell in a town I believe to be in the state of Ohio, leaving him bound after taking his coat from him. At the time I read these articles in the newspapers I may have seen photographs of Alvin Karpis in these newspapers, but I am not so certain of this. Shortly thereafter I recall reading in the papers of an abandoned car which was reported to be owned by the doctor that Karpis and Campbell had kidnaped, having been found on a road near Monroe, Michigan. The newspapers stated that Karpis and Campbell were reported to be in Toledo, Ohio, and that the 'dragnet' was out for them.

"Around the time that I read in the newspapers of the above car being found near Monroe, Michigan, I learned that there were some persons on the second floor of Miss Barry's house. The Toledo Blade newspaper was delivered to Miss Barry's house each day during the above mentioned period, and I read the above-mentioned articles concerning Karpis and Campbell in this paper which I generally read at Miss Barry's house. The Toledo Blade newspaper has been continuously delivered to Miss Barry's place up to this time.

"My duties as houseman at Edith Barry's house of prostitution consist of cleaning the downstairs rooms, of washing the windows, of firing the furnace, of shoveling off the snow, of cleaning up the yard, and general houseman's duties. I go to work between 7:00 and 9:00 A. M., and it generally takes me three to four hours to complete my work each day. At other times during the day I have occasion to be in and out of Miss Barry's house, and eat all of my meals there. I occasionally spend some time there at night. I also perform any errands Miss Barry desires me to do.

"Later during the day the day that I learned that there were persons staying upstairs in Miss Barry's house, I learned that these persons were really two men, and to my best recollection they stayed there day and night thereafter for a period between ten and fourteen days. These two men remained upstairs except on a few occasions, and I knew them to be called by persons employed at the house by the name of Buck and Sonny. At that time there were two prostitutes employed at Miss Barry's house, one named Lou and the other named Peaches. Buck and Sonny occupied the front right bedroom, but Buck engaged the services of Lou practically all of the time he was staying there, and spent a great deal of his time in her room located in the rear of the second floor.

"It is customary at Miss Barry's house to keep visitors in privacy from other visitors, and it is not unusual for a visitor to be in the house without the knowledge of all the

persons employed there. A day or two after Sonny and Buck arrived, however, I noticed certain things that appeared suspicious to me. As part of my ordinary daily work I clean up the second floor hall and bathroom, but while these men were at the house I did this cleaning only once, and thereafter Miss Barry told me not to bother to do it. I also noticed that these two men did not come downstairs, and persons employed at the house except the prostitute Lou and on occasions Peaches had very few opportunities to observe these men. At that time Mary Foster was employed as a day maid working about twice a week. Margaret Ball, the night maid, worked every night in the week except one. When Mary was working she ordinarily prepared lunch and served it to the other employees, and occasionally served such meals to customers. During the time that Sonny and Buck whom I will hereinafter refer to as Karpis and Campbell were at Edith's house. Mary did not serve meals to them, but either Lou or Miss Barry would obtain the meals from the kitchen to take them upstairs to Karpis and Campbell. I can recall that on two occasions or more, Mary helped in taking food upstairs and when she returned she remarked that she did not get into the bedrooms upstairs to deliver the meals, but that Miss Barry took the food from her in the hall; that she thought that this was very peculiar.

"Going back to the time when Karpis and Campbell came to Miss Barry's house, I did not see them arrive and do not know whether they came there in an automobile, or whether they arrived early or late at night. I can only remember that they were already there one morning when I reported for work. For about the first seven days that these men were there, I did not see them. Thereafter Karpis came to the kitchen on one occasion and asked for a drink of water which I gave him. He returned immediately upstairs. About the same time Harry Campbell came down the stairs, but when he got half way down he saw me, and turned back and went upstairs again.

"About six or seven days after Karpis and Campbell arrived at Miss Barry's house, I observed a green colored coupe parked in front of the house somewhere between 12:00 and 2:00 P. M. I saw it first when I left my house to go to Miss Barry's place which is immediately next door. About 15 minutes after I was in the house, Lou came downstairs and handed me the keys to an automobile and asked me to park a car which she did not have a chance to describe, as Miss Barry interrupted her by telling her that I did not know how to drive an automobile. Lou left the house then after Miss Barry told her that I

couldn't drive. Lou was gone for about five to six minutes and returned to the house. A day or so later at about 8:00 A. M. Lou left the house by herself and returned in about five or six minutes. I do not know where she went, but I presume she parked an automobile, as when she returned at this time she told me that she was being kept busy parking automobiles.

"During the time that Karpis and Campbell lived at Miss Barry's house at this time, I do not know of any visitors that they had. All during the period the prostitute Lou was in the almost constant company of Buck and Miss Barry spent most of her time with Sonny in the front right bedroom.

"I can't recall how and just when Karpis and Campbell left Miss Barry's house after the above visit, but I am fairly certain that I did not see them leave. However, I imagine that they left sometime during the night, as they were gone one morning when I reported for work, and I don't know where they went.

"I think it was about two weeks after the above visit that Karpis and Campbell returned to Miss Barry's house. I do not know when these men arrived, but I presume that it was sometime during the night. When I reported for work on the morning I first saw them at the house on this occasion, I noticed a 1933 or 1934 model Ford coupe, painted black or dark blue, parked just west of Miss Barry's house. It seems to me that this car remained parked at the same spot that evening. I recall that the following day I did not see it, when I reported for work. About 11:00 A. M. that morning someone left the house, and a few minutes later I saw a Ford coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license plates HM 54 parked in front of the house, and saw Buck behind the wheel of this car. I thereafter saw Sonny leave the house and enter this car, and the two of them drove away in it.

"About the latter part of March 1935 I saw the same Ford coupe bearing 1935 Ohio license plates HM 54 parked in front of Miss Barry's house one morning when I reported for work. I saw it once more during the day, but later noticed that it was gone. During the same day I saw both Karpis and Campbell on the first floor in Edith's house. They were eating in the kitchen with Lou and Miss Barry. About three or four o'clock that same day Miss Barry asked me if I would cut Karpis' hair, and I agreed to do so, and gave him a haircut in the right front bedroom. I guess I didn't do such a good job, because he didn't seem very pleased with it. I remember I cut his hair close on the side and noticed a horizontal scar about an inch and a half long over each ear. Those scars really

set me to thinking. When I saw those scars I figured his face had been lifted, and right away I started reading through Detective Magazines, which Miss Barry was buying at that particular time, for the purpose of finding a photograph of Alvin Karpis. I found a few photographs of him in these magazines and newspapers, and after examining them I arrived at the conclusion that the man at the house called Sonny and whose hair I had cut was Alvin Karpis. That same time knowing that Karpis and Campbell were traveling together, I looked in the Detective Magazines for Harry Campbell and found one or two photographs of him. I was unable to recognize these photographs.

"A few days after I gave Karpis a haircut someone spent the night there with Peaches. I do not know how he came there, and did not see him. On the following morning this person left Miss Barry's house with Alvin Karpis around 8 o'clock. I did not see them leave. I believe that Campbell continued to live at Miss Barry's house for two or three days afterward, as I saw him on at least one occasion at this time. I do not know how or when he left Miss Barry's house.

"I recall that around this time, on one occasion, Sonny came to Miss Barry's place in the company of a young man whom I know as Freddie. I have been shown a photograph of Fred Hunter, and identify it as the likeness of the man known to me as Freddie above referred to. I remember that Freddie remained overnight on this occasion, and to the best of my recollection he went to bed with either Peaches or Maxine.

"I have also been shown the following photographs: Harry Campbell, whom I identify as being a man known to me as Buck; Alvin Karpis, whom I identify as being a man known to me as Sonny; Benson Groves whom I identify as being a man known to me as Ben; Sam Coker, whom I identify as a man being known to me as Tommy; James F. O'Neil, whom I identify as a man being known to me as Jimmy O'Neil.

"On the morning following the above mentioned night when Fred Hunter stayed overnight at Miss Barry's house, he left the house sometime during the morning and returned in about five or six minutes to my best recollection. Karpis stayed in the house during this time that Fred Hunter was gone - then he also left by the front door.

"Somewhere around this time and I believe it was after Peaches, Lou, and Maxine left, and there were no prostitutes employed at Miss Barry's house that Buck showed up one afternoon and had a date probably with a call girl. He did not remain overnight on this occasion, and left shortly after his

party with this girl.

"I believe that it was sometime shortly before Easter (April 21, 1935) that Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, and a third man came to Miss Barry's house in the night time. This third man, as I recall, was about 28 years of age, about 5'9" tall, about 170 to 175 lbs, medium build, and I do not recall this man's name nor the name used by him at that time. These three men stayed overnight, but I do not know whether they had dates with any girls. The following morning all three came down-stairs together, and I believe it was Fred Hunter who left first by himself. About five minutes later Karpis and the other man left, and I presume that Fred Hunter had gone to get their automobile in the vicinity.

"Karpis returned by himself and was at Miss Barry's house on Easter Sunday (April 21, 1935). I do not know exactly how long he was there before that day, but I do know he was there on Easter Sunday, because I understood that Miss Barry fixed him up an Easter basket. I cannot remember any visitors that he had, nor can I recall when he left. I do not know for sure whether Lou was there around this time.

"I am certain that Harry Campbell visited Edith Barry's house on one occasion during the summer of 1935, and I am certain that he had a date with one of the girls at the house on this occasion. I recall that he was alone, but don't remember anything about the circumstances of his visit.

"Also in the summer of 1935 Fred Hunter returned to Miss Barry's place, and apparently stayed overnight, as he was already there when I arrived for work one morning. He left that same day, and I have a faint recollection that when he left the house he was afoot, and did not have an automobile.

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Karpis and Fred Hunter visited there and stayed overnight. I cannot recall whether they had any girls that night. I did not see them leave, but I am certain they left sometime the next day.

"I believe that it was sometime during the summer of 1935 that I first saw a man at Miss Barry's house of prostitution who was known to me only as Ben. I have previously identified the photograph of Benson Groves. He did not have a girl on this occasion as far as I know, and when I saw him he was sitting in the front room talking with Miss Barry. Shortly before

this Miss Barry had received word, and had told me that an old friend of hers named Ben had just gotten out of the federal penitentiary, and she at that time remarked that she expected that Jimmy O'Neil should be getting out around the same time. I recall that I had seen Jimmy O'Neil at Edith Barry's house on about two occasions before he went to the penitentiary, and shortly after I went to work for Miss Barry.

"I believe that I again saw Ben at Miss Barry's house sometime during the fall of 1935. As I recall it, he was also alone on this occasion, and he talked with Edith Barry downstairs. I think it was on this visit I saw Ben in an old model car which looked like a Willys-Knight sedan, and to the best of my recollection this car had Ohio license plates on it.

"Around this time I remember that Alvin Karpis stayed at Miss Barry's house for several days. I do not know how he came there nor do I know whether he had any visitors at this time. During the most of the time he was there he remained in the front right bedroom, drinking with Miss Barry, and playing the victrola downstairs. Karpis ate his meals downstairs, which meals were prepared by the day maid, Mary.

"I think it was sometime in January of 1936, and during the daytime that I first saw a man known to me as Tommy, and whom I have previously identified from a photograph as being identical with Sam Coker. At the time I first saw Tommy, he was in the sitting room of Miss Barry's house and was talking with Ben and Edith Barry. Ben left that same day, but Tommy remained for two or three days. He stayed with call girls for the first night, and went to bed with Miss Barry the last night.

"About February or March 1936, I saw Ben and Jimmy O'Neil together at Miss Barry's house. On this occasion Ben, Jimmy, and Miss Barry were in the front right bedroom on the second floor where they were conversing. Miss Barry asked me that I shave Ben, and I did so in the bathroom. While I was shaving him he told me that he had just gotten out of the penitentiary, and he asked me how I would like to be there, and I told him I wouldn't like it.

"I also shaved Tommy, identified as Sam Coker, on one occasion while he stayed at Miss Barry's house during January 1936. Each gave me \$1.00 for the shave.

"Ben on several occasions visited Miss Barry's house during the winter of 1936. Miss Barry on one occasion told me that he was working for one of the clubs downtown Toledo, which I understood was a gambling place. She also said at one time that Ben, Joe Roscoe, Jimmy Hayes, who is now deceased, and Jimmy O'Neil were partners or friends years ago.

"During the time that Karpis and Campbell stayed at the house of prostitution operated by Edith Barry where I was employed, and during the year of 1935, I was called upon to do work or perform errands that I ordinarily did not perform for Miss Barry personally. On occasions I took suits belonging to Karpis and Campbell to the tailor shop bearing the trade name, 'John's' located on Canton Avenue near Southard Street, and on the west side of the street. I also purchased some button mushrooms for Karpis at Belman's Market, corner of Franklin and Adams Street, on one occasion. On three or four occasions at the request of Miss Barry I purchased several Detective Magazines. Before leaving the house she would tell me what certain Detective Magazines I should purchase, and on all such occasions I performed these errands, she gave me sufficient money in advance to pay for the things I was to buy. In every case I would be given a tip varying between 50¢ and \$1.75. I was not told expressly by Miss Barry on these occasions who was paying me this money, but it was my understanding that these errands were being paid for by Karpis and Campbell. Whenever I went on a personal errand for Miss Barry, unless it involved a great deal of work, I was not given a tip by Miss Barry, as such work was considered by her and by me as part of my regular duties as houseman.

"During the spring of 1935 at a time when Karpis and Campbell were either then residing at Miss Barry's home, or had resided there shortly before, she told me not to tell anybody that these men were hanging around there. At that time I knew that Karpis and Campbell were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping by the United States Government. Karpis visited and stayed at Miss Barry's house on three different occasions after Miss Barry gave me the above warning.

"I first heard the name of Joe Roscoe mentioned at Miss Barry's house about five years ago. Since that time I have heard different employees at Miss Barry's house speak about Joe Roscoe, but ordinarily Miss Barry speaks of him more often than the rest of the employees. During the past six years I understand that Joe Roscoe has called at Edith Barry's house on several occasions, but I had never seen this man. It is my understanding that Joe Roscoe and Miss Barry are friendly, and I understand when Roscoe called, they are personal calls to Miss Barry, and I have never heard of an instance where Roscoe went upstairs to have a date with one of the girl prostitutes there. Miss Barry told me that Joe Roscoe owns an island, the name of which I cannot recall, which is located somewhere on Lake Erie, and I believe that Miss Barry also told me that Joe Roscoe owns a gambling place somewhere in

downtown Toledo. I recall reading at one time that members of the Barker-Karpis gang visited Roscoe's Island prior to 1935.

"I have read the foregoing statement which consists of seven typewritten pages, and I have noted each correction by placing my initials, W.W. opposite the same, and after reading this statement I swear that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

WITNESSES:

/s/ WALTER WALMSLEY

John L. Madala and D. P. Sullivan,
Special Agents,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio."

The original copy of the above signed statement is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office.

In addition to his signed statement Walter Walmsley advised agents that he is presently divorced from his wife, Etta McPherson, who resides in the 900 block on Pinewood Street, Toledo, Ohio; that his mother, Rose Walmsley, resides at 2282 E. 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio; that he has two brothers living, Benjamin and MacAlvin, the former residing at 1313 Washington Street, Toledo, Ohio, and MacAlvin Residing at 4840 Vincense Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he has no sisters living.

Walter Walmsley further stated that he lives at 528 Southard Street by himself; that this house is rented by Edith Barry, and the rent on the same is paid by her; that he eats practically all of his meals at her place. Walter advised that he is presently keeping company with Myrtle Gross who resides at 717 Maywood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; that she is employed as a social worker for the W.P.A or P.W.A.; that she and he jointly own a 1936 Chevrolet sedan, which she drives in connection with her work.

Walter Walmsley was questioned at great length concerning Joe Roscoe, and he persistently denied that he knows him on sight. He also denied that Joe Roscoe visited Karpis and Campbell while the latter two resided at Miss Barry's place during the forepart of 1935, and likewise disclaimed any knowledge that Roscoe was allied or friendly with them. Walmsley stated that he did not know that Roscoe had any interest in the 42nd Street Cafe, and although admitting that he heard through the maid, Margaret, that Roscoe was friendly with Miss Barry, he denied ever seeing him talk with her.

Walter Walmsley likewise did not indicate that Frank P. Greenwald alias Greenie ran errands for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell while they resided at Miss Barry's house in 1935. He did not state that Greenie ever visited the two boys while they stayed in the front upstairs right bedroom of her place at the above indicated time.

The name of "Sharkey" was mentioned to Walter, as was the photograph of this individual displayed to him, but he either refused or could not identify the same. He recalled someone coming there in a green coupe automobile during the time Karpis and Campbell resided at Edith Barry's, but claimed he never saw the individual who apparently drove the said car. He could recall no persons from Cleveland visiting Edith Barry's place, other than James "Tip" O'Neil and some attorney whose name he said he was unable to recall.

Walter Walmsley recalled Alvin Karpis and Benson Groves visiting Miss Barry's house during the fall of 1935, but would not advise seeing these two individuals together, or about Groves visiting there while Karpis was in the house or vice versa. In other words he would furnish nothing which would indicate that these two individuals knew each other.

It will be recalled that Lillian Merea advised Agents that Walter Walmsley served meals through a window at Miss Edith Barry's house on several occasions while Karpis and Campbell resided there, and it will also be recalled that Edith Barry had Walmsley keep the clothes of Karpis and Campbell at his house during the above mentioned period. Walter Walmsley was confronted with this information, and he strenuously denied the same. He admitted, however, that Karpis gave him a suit of clothes and several shirts and other wearing apparel, but would not state why he did this.

Walmsley advised that he never parked a car for either Karpis or Campbell, or for any of their visitors, and in this connection stated that he did not learn how to drive a car until June of 1935.

The fingerprints of Walter Walmsley were taken and forwarded to the Bureau under date of October 26, 1936. He was definitely instructed to communicate with the Cleveland Bureau office should he move from his present address, which he promised to do.

On October 27, 1936 Agents located Mary Smith, colored, at her home, 217 Pinewood Street, Toledo, Ohio, and she voluntarily accompanied Agents to the temporary Bureau office being maintained at Toledo. She advised that she is married to Perry Foster, and that he is employed with the W. P. A.; that she was born in Quinimont, West Virginia, and for the past 13 years has resided in Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Foster further advised that she went to work for Edith Barry as a day maid in 1927, and continued such employment, working six days a week, until the latter part of 1932 or first part of 1933; that thereafter Miss Barry occasionally hired her, possibly one day a week, to clean up the upstairs portion of her house as well as to do other general housework. She stated that she definitely severed her employment with Miss Barry about eight months ago, and since that time she has been employed as a domestic for a family named Silverman, who are in no way connected with Edith Barry.

Continuing, Mary Foster advised that during the early part of 1935 she went to work at Miss Barry's house, 524 Southard Street, one day a week; that she definitely recalls that about a month after Christmas 1934, two men stayed in the front right bedroom on the second floor of Miss Barry's house; that she does not know when these men came there, nor in what manner they arrived; that at this time she saw them on only one occasion, and that was when she prepared something to eat for them, they eating the meal in the kitchen downstairs. Mary Foster advised that she did not engage in any conversation with either of these men, and when she saw them they were in the company of Edith Barry and the prostitute, Lou, who was staying in the house at that time. She advised that after these two men ate their food, Lou gave her a small tip which may have come from one of the two boys. Agent exhibited photographs of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell to Mary Foster, and she selected that of Karpis as one of the two men above referred to. She could make no identification of Harry Campbell's photograph.

Mary Foster advised that during the entire time the two men in question lived at Miss Barry's home, she was not permitted to clean the room in which they were apparently staying; that she received these instructions from Edith Barry, who made them very plain to her. She advised that on the occasion she saw Karpis and the other man downstairs, she asked Miss Barry whether it

would be all right for her to clean up their room, and Miss Barry told her that she would clean it herself. Mary Foster was permitted, however, to clean up the other rooms on the second floor, and was likewise permitted to clean the front right bedroom at such times when the two boys would not be at the house. Mrs. Foster admitted that this situation was very unusual, but stated that she never questioned anybody or discussed the same with anybody else in the household.

Continuing, Mary Foster advised that she recalls Karpis and the other man being in Miss Barry's house on two other occasions subsequent to the one above mentioned; that at that time she was again prohibited to clean or enter their room, and when she prepared meals for them they were taken from her at the top of the stairs on the second floor by either Miss Barry or the girl Lou, who would take them in to the boys in their room.

Mrs. Foster could recall no one visiting the boys while they resided there at various times, nor could she recall anyone who came there to see Miss Barry around these periods; that the names of Joe Roscoe, "Sharkey", Benson Groves, Bert and Ted Angus, and Cooley Monroe are unfamiliar to her. A photograph of James "Tip" O'Neil was exhibited to her, and she readily recognized it as a man known to her as Jimmy. She advised that when she first started working for Edith Barry, this man, Jimmy, frequently called on her, but she has not seen him for the past six years. Mrs. Foster was under the impression that he was dead and claimed not to know that he ever served time in a penitentiary.

All photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were displayed to Mary Foster, and besides that of Alvin Karpis, she selected the photograph of James J. Wilson as a person whom she had seen on one occasion. She, however, could not associate him with any particular circumstance.

Mary Foster recalled that in 1934 a search was being made in the bedrooms upstairs of Edith Barry's house for some money, which one of the customers was supposed to have lost; that she found this money, which she recalls was a \$10 bill, among the sheets on one of the beds; that she immediately turned this money over to Miss Barry, and to the best of her recollection some old man was supposed to have lost the same.

Continuing, Mrs. Foster advised that at such times when she worked for Miss Barry only one day a week, she would come on duty at 12:00 o'clock and remain at work until 7:00 or 8:00 P. M. For this reason she would not have seen anybody who came there in the morning, unless the person or persons remained until she reported for work.

For the information of the file, Mary Foster is 40 years of age, colored, uneducated, illiterate, and flighty. It was practically impossible to reason or talk intelligently with her on any particular point.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 29, 1936.

Time - 2:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring Cases at Toledo
and Cleveland.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at Cleveland, he said that he had discussed the above situation with United States Attorney Freed, who has tentatively agreed to our plan. While the United States Attorney is in a rather precarious position out there, being a Democratic USA in the midst of a bunch of Republican Judges, he is going to talk to the Judge at Toledo on Monday next to see when a special grand jury can be called, not informing the judge, of course, as to what we have in mind.

Mr. Connelley said that he does not know what the USA and the Judge will do about setting a date for the grand jury. The USA said something about being so tired out as a result of his efforts in the election that he would prefer to call the grand jury a couple of weeks after the election; however, Mr. Connelley is going to hold out for getting the grand jury as soon as possible, and the fixing of the date in such a manner that we can get the complaints and make the arrests on Saturday and question the subjects over Sunday so that the release can be made on Monday morning, I pointing out to Mr. Connelley that this plan will serve to make the release carry more weight. I told him it has been our experience in the Bureau that if these releases are made on Sunday night, it hits the Monday morning papers, which are somewhat sparse in any event, and they are glad to hit upon something like this to fill out the papers.

Mr. Connelley mentioned that during his conversation with Mr. Freed, he told him that it is the desire of the Bureau and the Director that the Post Office Inspectors never be permitted to read this report or any portions of it, for the reason that we have informants and witnesses in there who have told us more than they have told the Inspectors and we did not want the Inspectors out there running around after those witnesses.

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Mr. Connelley will confer with the USA further on this coming Monday relative to the grand jury situation.

Respectfully,

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E.A. Tamm.

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated
October 31, 1936, requesting original signed statements of
the following individuals:

Wynona Burdette
William A. Morley
Mrs. William A. Morley
Daniel Young

I am enclosing herewith the original signed
statement of Wynona Burdette dated January 20, 1935. However,
for your information the following original statements were
forwarded to the Bureau on March 19, 1936:

William A. Morley dated 1-21-35
Mrs. Elizabeth Morley dated 1-21-35
Affidavit of William Roberts dated 1-20-35
Statement of Daniel Francis Young dated 1-22-35
Samuel E. Morley dated 1-2-35.

The Bureau is requested to forward to the
Cleveland Office the statements mentioned in Cleveland letter
dated October 31, 1936.

Very truly yours,

R.E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-3 ME

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-31-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-31-36	REPORT MADE BY L. C. TAYLOR.
TITLE ALVIN KAPPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1323, et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Correspondence record and photograph of Edward Webb, U. S. P., Atlanta, Ga. #36545, obtained and forwarded herewith to Cleveland Office. Frank Grabowski and Eli Stewart never incarcerated U. S. P., Atlanta, Ga.			
P.			
REFERENCE: Teletype message from Cleveland to Atlanta, 10-30-36. Letter from Cleveland to Atlanta, 10-3-36. Letter from Atlanta to Cleveland, 10-17-36.			
DETAILS: The records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia reflect that Edward Clarence Webb, with aliases: George Brown, Edward C. Evans, E. J. Webster, George Webb, Frank Hayes, Eddie James Webster and George Anderson, No. 36545, FBI-35770, was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, from Dayton, Ohio, under sentence of five years imprisonment for breaking and entering into a post office on January 8, 1931, and was discharged by expiration of sentence on July 28, 1934, at which time he was furnished transportation to his home in Toledo, Ohio.			
The records of the penitentiary reflect that Webb had the following visitors while incarcerated in that institution: Mrs. E. C. Webb, wife, sometimes referred to as Mrs. Ruth Neff and Mrs. Ruth Webb, 1221 and 1221½ Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. C. D. Raigh, Friend, Cleveland, Ohio.			
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Mrs. Anna Taylor, mother-in-law, and Mrs. Beatrice Cahoo, sister-in-law, 1221 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. Beatrice Smithers, sister-in-law, 1221 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. Harry Leonard, Friend, Toledo, Ohio.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary also reflect that Webb corresponded with the following individuals while serving his sentence:

Letters sent, 1931:

Mrs. Ruth Webb, wife, 1221½ Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mother, 1227½ W. 38th Pl., Los Angeles, Cal.
Mr. John Fleming, Friend, 103 Michigan St., Toledo, Ohio.
Mr. L. L. Sanders, Friend, 905 Tracey St., Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. Marie McMahon, Friend, 2006 M. St., N. E., Washington, D.C.
Mr. Y. Land, Friend, 205 Delaware St., Toledo, Ohio.

Letters Received, 1931:

U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C.
"Ruth", wife, Toledo, Ohio.
"Mack & Marie", Friends, Washington, D. C.
G. A. Webster, Mother, Los Angeles, California.
Anna Taylor, 1221 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio.
Miss Mary Patrito, Friend, Roanoke, ____.

Letters sent, 1932:

Mrs. Ruth Webb, Wife, Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mother, 1227½ W. 38th Place,
Los Angeles, California.
Mr. Y. Land (or Lovel or Larel), Friend,
205 W. Delaware Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
Mr. Geo. Belden, Friend, Kansas City, Mo.

Letters received, 1932:

Ruth Webb, Wife, 1221 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mother, Los Angeles, Cal.
J. Buckley, Friend, Toledo, Ohio.
Robert J. Jernigan, Fayetteville, N. C.
Scientific American, New York City.
Ohio State Journal, Columbus, Ohio.

Letters sent, 1933:

Mrs. Ruth Webb, Wife, 1221½ Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mother, 1227½ W. 38th St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Y. Land, _____ Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. W. E. Webster, Brother, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Joe Buckley, Friend, 239 Amherst Dr., Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. G. A. Youngquist, Asst. Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

Letters received, 1933:

Ruth Webb, Wife, Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mother, Los Angeles, Cal.

Joe (spelled Jo) Buckley, Friend, Toledo, Ohio.

Scientific American, New York City.

Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Toledo Blade, Toledo, Ohio.

J. U. or I. U. Buckley, Friend, Toledo, Ohio.

"Herb", Toledo, Ohio.

Letters Sent, 1934:

Mrs. Ruth Webb, wife, 1227½ W. 38th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. G. A. Webster, Mother, Los Angeles, Cal.

Letters Received, 1934:

Mrs. G. A. Webster, mother, 1227½ W. 8 Pl., Los Angeles, Cal.

Ruth Webb, Toledo, Ohio.

Scientific American, 24 W. 40th, New York City.

Mr. B. F. Bates in charge of the Record Room at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, informed that there is no record of Eli Stewart or Frank Grabowski having served sentences in that institution. A parole report on Webb prepared by the United States Attorney at Dayton, Ohio and undated, which is stamped received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, on September 29, 1930, reflects that Webb, Eli Marion Stewart, with aliases: E. M. Stewart, E. J. Stewart, J. D. Livingston, "Lou", Luther Davis, Luther David Lewis, Louis W. Lynch, Louis Lynch, Louis S. Davis, George A. Hart, E. M. Hooper; Frank Grabowski, with aliases: Frank Clemence, F. C. Clemence, Frank Chester Clemence, Robert Metzler, C. W. Metzler, Charles Harris; James F. (Tip) O'Neill and Benson Groves were jointly indicted in the Western Division, Southern District of Ohio at Dayton, Ohio, in criminal case No. 934, on November 12, 1930, for robbery of the post office at Steubenville, Ohio on the night of November 11, 1928. This parole report reflects that Grabowski and Webb were not sentenced at the time O'Neill, Groves and Webb were sentenced.

The photograph of Webb was obtained from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, and is being forwarded herewith by air mail, special delivery to the Cleveland Office.

On October 31, 1936, a conference teletype message was sent to the Cincinnati and Cleveland Offices, in which the Cincinnati Office was requested to ascertain the place of commitment of Grabowski and Stewart and to request appropriate offices to secure the information desired by the Cleveland Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE at Dayton, Ohio, will ascertain from the Clerk of the United States District Court, The United States Attorney or the United States Marshal, the place of commitment of Frank Grabowski, with aliases, and Eli Marion Stewart, with aliases, and will request the proper office to ascertain correspondence and criminal records of these individuals and to obtain photographs of them, forwarding the same to the Cleveland Office.

THE ATLANTA OFFICE at Macon, Georgia, will locate Jack Hollis, now employed as a cotton mill operative with the Bibb Manufacturing Company, East Macon, Macon, Georgia, and interview him relative to his possible acquaintance and association with Benson Groves, who apparently made his home with Hollis at the O. D. Fountain home in the vicinity of Gordon, Georgia.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	11-2-36	10-22-36	B. M. HIRSH.
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM		KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Dr. Calvin F. Jackson, 3410 Baring St., furnishes details regarding his visits to residence of Clara McGraw, 201½ Adams St., Toledo, O; states he met and talked with Harry Campbell and Sam Coker on several occasions.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Cleveland Office dated 10-16-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: At PHILADELPHIA, PA.</p> <p>Interview was had by the writer with Dr. Calvin F. Jackson, presently residing at 3410 Baring Street, Philadelphia. In accordance with the suggestion contained in reference letter, photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Dr. Jackson, who immediately put to one side the photographs of Sam Coker and Harry Campbell.</p> <p>In connection with his viewing of the photographs, Dr. Jackson stated that he does not recall ever having observed any of the individuals whose pictures were shown to him, with the exception of the pictures of Campbell and Coker. However, Dr. Jackson advised that the photograph of Campbell does not resemble Campbell to any great degree. He further stated that he was practically certain that the photograph of Coker</p>			
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was an individual whom he had observed and talked with on several occasions in Toledo, Ohio.

Dr. Jackson also volunteered the information, before being asked where he had observed these individuals, that he could have seen them only at the residence of Mrs. Clara McGraw, 201½ Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Concerning Dr. Jackson's relationship with Mrs. McGraw and his acquaintance with Sam Coker and Harry Campbell, Dr. Jackson related the following.

He advised that it was his best recollection that he first went up to the McGraws' in order to get a drink; that probably he went with an individual named Guy Keller, a County Commissioner of Sandusky, Ohio, who operates a farm and resides there, this farm being located on a rural route near Bradner, Ohio; that Guy Keller was a race horse man and apparently in this way had become acquainted with Ed McGraw, husband of Clara McGraw; that Ed McGraw was also a race horse man and it is his best recollection that on one occasion while he was in Toledo with Keller the two of them went to McGraws' for a social drink and for old times' sake. Dr. Jackson also advised that he learned either from Keller or from McGraw, himself, that McGraw had been a saloon keeper and bar tender and also in the race horse game.

In connection with his first visit to the McGraw's, Dr. Jackson stated he was not positive he first visited this place with Guy Keller and further that he would be in a very embarrassing position in the event Guy Keller were informed of Dr. Jackson's making such a statement. He requested that in the event Guy Keller was contacted that his, Jackson's, name not be mentioned.

Following this visit, Dr. Jackson stated that he went to the McGraw's home several times; that Mrs. McGraw complained of gall bladder trouble and on many occasions he treated her for this ailment; that on other occasions he made short stops at the McGraw residence in order to get a drink of whiskey. It was his recollection that he has treated Mrs. McGraw for this ailment for possibly the past three years. He stated that the McGraws have been residing at 201½ Adams Street since he first began to treat Mrs. McGraw; that if the McGraws have not been at 201½ Adams Street for the past three years he has not treated her for that time. Inasmuch as he has sold his entire medical practice and retired from Braden, Ohio, Dr. Jackson had no records in his possession.

In connection with his visits to the McGraws', Dr. Jackson stated they were very irregular; that he also treated Mrs. McGraw only on irregular occasions.

Less than a year ago Dr. Jackson advised that he met an individual at the McGraw home who was called "Tommy" who, he stated, was identical with the photograph of Sam Coker. Dr. Jackson is not positive but believes that this individual's last name was Pratt; that at that time Tommy roomed and boarded with the McGraws. He appeared well dressed and apparently had nothing to do on all the occasions that Dr. Jackson visited the McGraws. Dr. Jackson also understood Tommy owned a car. Although he never did learn Tommy's occupation, Dr. Jackson advised that only on one occasion did he wonder what Tommy's occupation might be but that he never made any effort to question anyone in this regard.

It was his recollection that he saw Tommy and talked with him at the McGraw home on six or seven occasions. Dr. Jackson also, during several of his visits to the McGraws during the past year, met a woman and her husband who were introduced to him but whose names he did not recall. This woman and her husband were introduced to him by Mrs. Clara McGraw. These people, as he knows now, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell.

Dr. Jackson stated that he met Mrs. Campbell on six or seven occasions but only met Harry Campbell on two or three occasions; that they appeared to be a very quiet couple and did not have very much to say. He remembers on one occasion that Mrs. McGraw mentioned to him that Mrs. Campbell (under the name she was known) had spent two or three days at her, Mrs. McGraw's, home on different occasions. Dr. Jackson does not remember whether or not McGraw stated that Harry Campbell also stayed there on occasions.

Regarding Tommy, Dr. Jackson stated that he was quite voluble although he is unable to recall that Tommy ever spoke about himself very much, his talk always being about other matters.

Dr. Jackson further advised that at the time Harry Campbell and Sam Coker were arrested by Federal Agents in Toledo, he observed the photograph of Harry Campbell in the newspaper but at that time the thought did not strike him that Harry Campbell was the individual with whom he was acquainted at Clara McGraw's. In this connection, Dr. Jackson reiterated that the photograph of Campbell, which was in the Toledo papers, did not resemble Harry Campbell to any great degree; that he forgot the entire matter, thinking no more of it until approximately two weeks later when he visited Clara McGraw professionally;

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that while at her residence he asked about Tommy. When he asked this question, Mrs. McGraw told him Tommy was in the penitentiary. She then told him that Tommy Pratt was identical with Sam Coker and had been returned to prison. She also asked him at that time if he remembered the quiet sort of girl he had seen there with Bob; that he answered that he did remember her, whereupon Mrs. McGraw stated she was Campbell's wife and that the individual who had been introduced to him as her husband was in fact Harry Campbell. Dr. Jackson also stated that on that occasion Mrs. Graw also stated that Campbell told her and her husband that he was a contractor and that further she never suspected what Tommy Pratt actually was in view of the fact that he always went to saloons without any apparent fear on his part and regardless of the fact that there might be police officers in the saloons at the time; that he acted unconcerned and left the house any time during the day or night; that he kept his automobile in the back alley and that he also occasionally worked on the roof of the building, located in the rear of the premises of her residence; that she "certainly never had any idea who they were or she would have gotten more out of Tommy, at least more than the \$7 or \$8 per week she was getting from him for board and room". In connection with this statement, Dr. Jackson is not positive that she actually made reference to the fact she would have tried to get a car out of them but at least she did indicate that she would have gotten more than she did.

In connection with the above, Dr. Jackson also advised that Ed McGraw was present during the above conversation and he also stated he had been told by Harry Campbell that the latter was a contractor. Dr. Jackson stated that in his opinion both Mr. and Mrs. McGraw seemed genuinely surprised to find that the individuals known as Bob and Tommy were in fact Harry Campbell and Sam Coker. Dr. Jackson advised that when he learned that the individuals with whom he had associated slightly at the McGraws' were in fact Harry Campbell and Sam Coker, he made no further calls at that residence, nor on Mrs. McGraw. He stated that he remained clear of the place, wanting nothing more to do with them.

Dr. Jackson was questioned as to his knowledge of the McGraw family. He advised, however, that he knew nothing of their reputation other than that Ed McGraw had once been in the race horse game and in the saloon business; that they did have tables at their place and couples visited there and were able to obtain whiskey. He is unable to state that the place was operated as a house of ill fame.

As stated previously, he advised that he has never observed any of the other individuals whose photographs were exhibited to him.

The names of other individuals, both in Toledo and other points, involved in the Bremer kidnaping, were mentioned to Dr. Jackson, but he stated he was unacquainted with and had never heard of those individuals.

Dr. Jackson advised that he is presently attending classes at the Graduate Hospital, of the University of Pennsylvania; that he has given up his practice at Bradner, Ohio, but that he expects to be in Philadelphia until next spring when he expects to seek a residency in order to specialize in his graduate work, following which he hopes to return to Toledo, Ohio, where he intends to practice.

In view of this, he requested that his name not be mentioned to Guy Keller and further that, if possible, his name be kept out of the instant matter.

- P E N D I N G -

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Darrow
Mr. Egan
Mr. Forworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Hurbo
Mr. Joseph
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Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Schlesinger
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
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PHONE BREKID. AGENT J L MADALA PROCEEDED CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE FOR FURTHER WORK AS TO FILE AT CHICAGO AND INTERVIEW OF WITNESSES IN HARBORING, NIGHT OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHT, AND WILL BE CARE CHICAGO OFFICE. AGENT D P SULLIVAN PROCEEDED TONIGHT ENROUTE LEWISBURG PENNSYLVANIA AND WILL INTERVIEW JAMES WILSON AT UNITED STATES NE PENITENTIARY FRIDAY IN DETAIL. SULLIVAN WILL RETURN TO CLEVELAND POSSIBLY FRIDAY NIGHT.

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sirs:

Re: BREKID

In accordance with the instructions contained in letter from the San Francisco Office dated October 24, 1936, I am transmitting herewith by express the dark blue overcoat which was discarded by Volney Davis at Yorkville, Illinois, in February of 1935. This in order that it may be returned to Volney Davis' mother, Mrs. Rodney E. Davis, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.

There is also being forwarded herewith original and memorandum copy of Government Bill of Lading No. J-82029.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau
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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
Dr. Joseph P. Burke, with aliases,
PUGLIESE, I. O. #1232; Edward George
Bremer, Victim; Kidnapping.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. H.
Fife, dated at Washington, D. C., September 3, 1936, regarding the
efforts of your office to locate George G. Burke to whom machine gun
bearing serial number 953 was shipped during June 1921, this machine
gun being one of those which was formerly in the possession of Alvin
Karpis.

It is desired that your office conduct further investigation
in an effort to locate Burke, and it is suggested that perhaps the
local mercantile agencies in Washington, D. C., might have information
concerning this individual. It is noted that the machine gun mentioned
above is supposed to have been one of five hundred submachine guns
which were shipped to Burke and later confiscated by the United States
Secret Service during June, 1921, and that Mr. John G. Tucker, Operative
in Charge, United States Secret Service Division, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C., was unable to furnish any information concerning
this matter. It is further suggested that appropriate inquiries be
made at the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, as it appears
possible these guns may have been seized by that Bureau inasmuch as
these guns were likely intended for shipment to Ireland in view of
the known record of George G. Burke in connection with the Sinn Fein
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Very truly yours, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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John Edgar Hoover,
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

November 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from this Office dated March 25, 1935 in the above entitled case, forwarding various signed statements to your Office for use in the trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, of "Doc" Barker, et al.

It is requested that you forward to the Cleveland Bureau Office immediately by registered mail the original statements mentioned below for use in the harboring prosecution, which is contemplated to take place at Toledo, Ohio in the near future:

Statement of Paula Harmon dated at Chicago, Illinois,
September 23, 1934;

Two statements of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago,
Illinois, September 25, 1934;

Statement of James J. Wilson dated at Chicago, Illinois,
September 7, 1934;

Statements of Wynona Burdette dated at Chicago, Illinois,
September 13, 1934;

Statement of Gladys Rita Sawyer dated at Chicago, Illinois,
September 15, 1934;

Statement of Clara Gibson dated at Chicago, Illinois,
January 13, 1935.

Very truly yours,

D. W. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
Dr. Jose, a/k/a Morris, with aliases,
PATIVE, I. O. D. #1232; Edward George
Bremer, Victim Kidnapping.

Dear Sirs:

During the course of the investigation to trace various firearms recovered from Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter at the time of their apprehension in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1, 1936, it has been determined that one .45 calibre Colt Automatic pistol #C177778 was sold on August 11, 1935, by one Harry Goldstein, 14 East First Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to an individual who gave his name as John Brown, Jr., Jr., Oklahoma. Your office was unable to locate a John Brown at Jenks, Oklahoma, and it is noted that a complaint was filed by the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department against Goldstein for failing to comply with the city ordinances in not leaving the fingerprints of the purchaser. PREVIOUS RECORD OF ~~Pistol~~ IN 7-576-1377

It has also been ascertained that a .45 calibre Automatic pistol #C177791 was sold by the Bellay Hardware and Manufacturing Company, Louisville, Kentucky, to E. V. Hardin, gunbreaker, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 1, 1935.

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John Brock was recently interviewed by Agents of the Cleveland Office advised that he saw Fred Hunter in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the latter part of July or the first part of August, 1936, and he inquired of Hunter concerning Karpis and Campbell, learning that the latter two were in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and were apparently trying to make a connection to buy some guns. He stated that a day or two after seeing Hunter, Karpis and Campbell visited him if he knew anyone in town who was doing any business. Brock stated that he did not know whether Karpis and Campbell were successful in securing any guns, but that "Bullhead" Hardy was propositioning every one in town for that purpose.

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Your office should conduct further investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, concerning the above described pistol in an effort to determine whether "Barthood" Kennedy was the individual who secured firearms for Karpis, Campbell and Hunter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Cleveland
St. Paul
Chicago
Cincinnati

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE WAS APPROVED FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE BUREAU BY	PERIOD WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
U. S. ATTORNEY, WITH LIENS, AT TOLEDO, OHIO, MAR. 1965, ET AL.; INVESTIGATOR IN THIS CITY;		
		CHARACTER OF CASE
		ABUSIVE; EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE; CORRUPTION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Evidence of vice and corruption obtained during investigation at Toledo, Ohio, summarized herein. Houses of prostitution, gambling places and gambling devices are openly operated in Toledo, with little police interference. Police officers and Lucas County deputy sheriffs who apparently are "fixin" aid andabet operators of illegal enterprises. Bondsman and jail employees collaborate in fixing court cases. Evidence found of corruption of Lucas County deputy sheriffs and Toledo police officers set out. Information obtained indicating that the Toledo Police Department is making no real effort to suppress vice and gambling in that city.

I MAILS: This is the joint report of Special Agent E. J. Ryan and the writer.

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VICE AND CORRUPTIONKnown Houses of Prostitution

During the time that investigation was being conducted by agents in connection with the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio, and in addition to the telephone taps maintained in that city, various persons, including operators of houses of prostitution, prostitutes, police officers, and informers, were interviewed, who provided information concerning vice and corruption in the city of Toledo, as it existed at the time of this investigation and prior thereto.

This investigation resulted in the information that houses of prostitution were openly operated, apparently with the sanction of the Toledo Police Department; that officers of the Vice Squad frequently called upon these houses of prostitution; that from statements made by various officers, including the present Chief of Police May Allen, it was evident that the presence of such houses of prostitution in Toledo was generally known and evidence was obtained of the close association of various officers of the Toledo Police Department with various operators of houses of prostitution in that city; evidence was likewise obtained indicating that these houses operated through a corrupt alliance existing between the Toledo Police Department and such houses.

Information was obtained indicating that the following houses of prostitution were openly operated at Toledo, Ohio; b7d information being obtained from [REDACTED]

White Girls

50 Wabash Street, operated by Maude Noble. Informant states Maude Noble was sent to workhouse about year ago in connection with operation of disorderly house.

51 Wabash Street, operated by Margaret Russell.

45 and 48 Wabash Street, operated by Susie Howe

632 South 11th Street (back of dog pound)
by Myrtle Malone.

49 Vance Street, operated by Rose L

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43 Vance Street, operated by Mable Green.

925 Summit Street, operated by Mable Green and her sister May Leonard.

41 Vance Street, operated by Louise Smith.

616 Lafayette Street, operated by Kitty Diamond.

Shelby Hotel, 729½ Summit Street, operated by Jean Miller.

Oxford Hotel. 825½ Summit Street, operated by wife of Max Plummer, deceased.

936 Summit, operated by Emma Marvin. Informant stated Emma Marvin served a term in the Women's Federal Penitentiary in connection with 1921 Toledo mail robbery.

Colored girls

37 Vance Street, operated by Blonda Etta.

131 S. Erie Street, operated by Baby Doll.

111 S. Erie Street, operated by B. Fuller, a \$5.00 house.

The investigation made at various of the above mentioned houses named will be set out hereafter:

On June 15, 1936, Detective James Ford of the Toledo Police Department, when interviewed by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and R. C. Suran, confidentially advised that the following women operated houses of prostitution in Toledo and practically controlled prostitution in Toledo, Ohio:

MABEL GREEN

MAXINE BELMONT, owner of the Shelby Hotel,
729½ Summit St.

SADIE DANN

LENA KINZELBERG, 311 Locust Street.

The following investigation was conducted by the Agents working at Toledo, Ohio, this investigation being made incidental to the harboring investigation in that city:

Excel Toley, alias "Baby Doll",
131 S. Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.

On June 9, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at the above address and interviewed Excel Toley, who advised that she operates a house of prostitution at the above address under the name of Laverne Navelo, and has operated this place since 1928; that during this period of time she has earned approximately \$35,000.00; that in February 1936, at about the time that Chief of Police Ray Allen came into office, certain police officers, whom she did not know, came to her house and ordered her to close; that at that time she had one girl working for her as a prostitute; that thereafter she reopened her house; that during the past 13 years she has been arrested four times by the Toledo Police Department on vice charges and paid fines on these occasions.

Eleanor Crockett, alias Beatrice Fuller,
111 S. Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio,

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Investigation was made at this house of prostitution on June 11th by Special Agents E. J. Dowd, R. C. Suran, J. V. Murphy and D.P.Sullivan. Eleanor Crockett was interviewed and she stated that she operates a house of prostitution at this address under the name of Beatrice Fuller; that she has been located continuously for 29 years at this same address, operating his house at all times as a house of prostitution; that she caters to white patrons exclusively and employs only negro prostitutes; she has been arrested only three times during this period of time and these arrests took place about 5 or 6 years ago; on these occasions she was charged with "unlawful assembly" "for operating a disorderly house", but on all these occasions paid fines.

That about the first part of April 1936, a uniformed officer called and inquired of her the number of girls employed and he told her to close; that she did so but reopened it two or three weeks and has not been bothered since by police

officers; that she gets fifty percent of the earnings of the board; that the price of a date at her house is \$5.00.

In a signed statement, Esther Von Storer stated that about May 1, 1936, three police officers called at 111 S. Erie Street, and told Eleanor Crockett to close up as "the heat was on".

Pauline Neinstein, Riverside Hotel,
921 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address on June 11, 1936, by the four above mentioned agents. Five girl inmates were found at this address.

Pauline Neinstein was interviewed; she stated she had been operating this place for six years; she did not admit any arrests but stated that the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department called at her place every day to look it over; a customer found at this house of prostitution admitted that he had just had intercourse with one of the girl inmates; from interviews had with the inmates, information was obtained that the price of a date is \$1.00 and up.

Mrs. Florence Beach, 3587 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, the manager of this house of prostitution, stated that the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department visits this place once or more a week, looks it over, and walks out.

Mildred Poland, alias Mildred Miller, in a signed statement, stated that she has worked continuously as a prostitute at this address since August 1934; that the usual charge for a date is \$2.00; and that she averages about \$30.00 a week as her share of her earnings; that she pays fifty percent of her earnings to Pauline Neinstein.

Betty Davidson, in a signed statement, advised that she is employed as a prostitute at the above address; that she pays Pauline Neinstein \$1.00 a day for board, and in addition pays Pauline Neinstein between 1/3 and 1/2 of her earnings obtained in practicing prostitution.

Isabel DeWesse, in a signed statement, stated that she had been employed at this address as a prostitute since June 10, 1936, and pays Pauline Neinstein fifty percent of her earnings.

Angeline Billman in a signed statement advised that she had been employed for the past three years at this address as a prostitute; that her minimum charge for a date is \$2.00; that she pays Pauline Neinstein \$7.00 per week for board; she denied paying Pauline Neinstein a percentage of the money earned by her.

Suzanne Howard,
48 Wabash St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at the above address by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan on June 29, 1936.

In a signed statement Suzanne Howard stated that she has operated houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, since 1933 and has operated a house of prostitution at the above address since February 1935; that she has two girls employed by her as prostitutes.

Kitty Sperry, alias Kitty Diamond,
616 Lafayette St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address by Special Agents R. C. Suran, J. V. Murphy, E. J. Dowd and D. P. Sullivan on June 12, 1936.

In a signed statement Kitty Sperry informed that she employs five girl prostitutes at this address, where she has been located since February 1, 1935; that during the past four years she has been arrested twice, at which time she paid on one occasion a fine of \$10.00 and on the other occasion a fine of \$15.00; that she has not been arrested since February 1, 1935, and has not been raided or molested by the police; that the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department call at her house to look for "pimps" and hoodlums but do not molest her; that Captain George Timiney has on occasion visited her house and told her to close; that she would pretend to close up her house by turning out the

lights and have the girls leave with their belongings out the front door; that the girls would walk around the block and when the officers left, she would turn on the lights and the girls would return to the house by the back door and she would resume business.

Yvonne Lettit, in a signed statement, advised that she is presently engaged in prostitution at the above address; that the price of a date is \$2.00 and up, of which Kitty Sperry gets one-third, in addition to room and board money; that this house was closed about five weeks prior to this investigation but that Kitty Sperry reopened and that the city detectives have called at this house a number of times.

Nell Curtis, in a signed statement, admitted that she was practicing prostitution at this address; that she paid Kitty Sperry \$7.00 a week for board. She orally admitted that she paid Kitty Sperry one-half of her earnings in addition to this board money.

Jacqueline Thomas, in a signed statement, advised that the minimum price for a date at this address is \$2.00; that she is engaged in the practice of prostitution at this address; that almost every night some members of the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department visit this house, generally travelling in pairs; that the members of the Vice Squad do not search the house and do not look through the bed rooms for evidence of a violation of law; that up until the month of June 1936, Officers McGuire, Fisk and Kline would usually call at the house and go into the small center room on the first floor, close the door and talk confidentially with Kitty Sperry.

Margaret Russell,
51 Wabash St., Toledo, Ohio,

Investigation was conducted at this address on June 12, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and E. J. Dowd.

Margaret Russell, when interviewed, stated that she had been at this address for approximately six years; she denied that she was operating a house of prostitution, stating that there are six girls who room at her house and pay her \$10.00 a week for room and board.

Catherine Purcell Phenson, when interviewed on the date of this investigation, provided a signed statement in which she admitted practicing prostitution at the above address for the past twenty months; that the minimum charge for a date is \$1.00; and each girl pays Margaret Russell \$10.00 per week for room and board.

Ruby Berry, upon interview, orally stated that she has been engaged in prostitution at this address for the past year, but refused to sign a statement.

Rosie Bush,
900½ Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address on July 27, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and E. J. Wynn.

Upon interview, Rosie Bush stated that she had been located at this address for the past 18 months, operating a rooming house, and she denied that she was operating a house of prostitution, but admitted that the girls who worked at this house lived elsewhere and that she permitted the girls privileges and did not question their activities; that she charged the girls employed at her place \$10.00 a week for room and board.

Lidia Pease was interviewed and she admitted that she was practicing prostitution at this address and that Rosie Bush was the madam; that the charge for a date at this house was \$1.00 and up; and that she pays fifty percent of her earnings to Rosie Bush; that there are five other prostitutes employed by Rosie Bush who work the night shift.

Maxine Belmont, Shelby Hotel,
729½ Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this place on July 25, 1936, by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and J. V. Murphy.

Martha Martin, an inmate found at this address, admitted that she has practiced prostitution at the above address for the past six months; she denied that she divided part of her earnings with the land-lady, stating that she paid \$15.00 a week as board

money; that the only time she saw any police officers at the Shelby Hotel was in the latter part of June 1936, when two plain clothes officers visited this place and found a man in the house and arrested her and charged her with visiting; that she paid a fine of \$10.00 and costs on this occasion.

Elizabeth Hahn, an inmate found at this address, was interviewed and she stated that ordinarily two girls are employed at this place during the day and from four to six girls at night; that officers John McCarthy, Michalak and Art Brown of the old Hoodlum Squad formerly stopped in and looked around this place almost every week but never arrested any one and never closed down the house; that about ten days prior to this investigation Sergeant Holderman and another uniformed police officer caught her in bed with a man at this address; that Holderman finally agreed to let the man go because the visitor was married; that he did not arrest her on this occasion and said nothing about closing up the place; that he stated he would be back and if he found any other visitors, he would arrest her; that she informed Maxine Belmont of this and Maxine told her that Holderman had no right to arrest any one at the Shelby Hotel unless there was one of the Vice Squad with him.

Mabel Silverman, alias Mabel Green,
1003 Summit St., and 43 Vance St., Toledo, Ohio.

Mabel Green was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran on August 17, 1936, at which time she stated that for the past 4 or 5 years she has operated a house of prostitution at 1003 Summit Street; that she also has an interest in a house of prostitution at 43 Vance Street, which place is operated by one Bobbie Mason; that at 1003 Summit St. five girls are employed by her; that she charges each girl \$7.00 a week for board, but denied she shared in their earnings.

Mabel Green admitted that she has operated houses of prostitution in Toledo for the past 20 years and stated that she has been arrested on a number of occasions and has been fined various amounts from \$5.00 to \$25.00 with costs, but has never been given a jail sentence.

Clara Miller,
228 17th St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address on June, 22, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan.

Clara Miller, upon interview, stated that about ten years ago she operated a house of prostitution at 522 Ontario Street, Toledo, Ohio, where she employed 14 girls as prostitutes; that subsequent to that time she operated houses of prostitution at various addresses on Nebraska Avenue; that she has been located at this address for the past three years, where she has maintained only one girl at her house; that because of the competition, it was necessary for her to run a "call" house because she could not afford to board girls who might work for her; that for a date at her house she charges \$2.00, the prostitute getting \$1.00 and she, Clara Miller, getting \$1.00 for the use of the room.

Mrs. Edward Joyce, alias Maude Noble,
50 Wabash St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at the above address on June 12, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran, D. P. Sullivan, J. V. Murphy and E. J. Dowd.

Maude Noble, in a signed statement, advised that she has operated a house of prostitution at this address for the past 14 years, employed two girl prostitutes during the day and two at night; that she was last raided in July 1934, and charged with operating a disorderly house, and was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse.

Garnet Murray, when interviewed on the above date, stated that she has been employed at the above address as a prostitute for the past seven years; that the minimum charge for a date is \$1.00, of which she pays Maude Noble one-half; that she has been arrested only once since she has been employed by Maude Noble and that occurred about six years ago.

Myrtle Osborn, alias Mickey Malone,
632 S. 11th St., Toledo, Ohio.

Investigation was conducted at this address on
July 12, 1936, by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan, J. V. Murphy,
E. J. Dowd and R. C. Suran.

Myrtle Osborn stated that she has operated a house
of prostitution at this address for the past eight years.

Esther Miller, when interviewed, stated that she was
practicing prostitution at this address on the date of the
investigation made there; that the minimum charge for a date
is \$1.00, of which she pays fifty percent to Myrtle Osborn;
that because of poor business, occasionally dates could be made
at this house for \$.50.

Edith May Black was interviewed and she stated that
for the past two years she has been employed by Myrtle Osborn
at this address as a prostitute.

Knowledge by police of houses of prostitution
operating in Toledo, Ohio.

The following interviews indicate that the Toledo Police
Department have knowledge of the fact that houses of prostitution
are openly operated in Toledo, Ohio, but are considered as necessary
evils which should be regulated rather than be suppressed.

On August 18, 1936, Officer Wm. Myers was interviewed
by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy. Officer Myers
stated that at the date of the interview, he was assigned to the
Vice Squad under Captain Fauble, having been appointed on July 2,
1936. Myers stated that he considered houses of prostitution as
necessary evils and that the Police Department was not trying to
drive them out of town altogether but did endeavor to regulate
them, demanding that the girls not solicit from windows or doorways
or walk the streets; that the girls also were required to have
periodical medical examinations.

On August 28, 1936, Chief of Police Ray Allen was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan, at which time he stated that he knew that there were houses of prostitution operating in Toledo, Ohio; that the efforts of the Toledo Police Department were directed to stamping out street solicitors and to regulate houses of prostitution rather than to entirely suppress them.

Evidence of Corruption

While Agents of this Bureau were making inquiries at a number of houses of prostitution on June 11th and 12th 1936, other houses of prostitution ceased to operate and on Friday night, June 12, 1936, a majority of the known houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, closed up.

On June 16, 1936, Mae McKenzie, an inmate of the Shelby Hotel, advised Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy that the word went out for the houses to open at 8 o'clock that night; this was the night on which the bonus due the World War Veterans was to be delivered by mail. A survey was made by Agents and persons were either seen entering the following addresses or such addresses were seen to be lighted and gave evidence of being open:

627 Ontario St., operated by Rose Smith.

Shelby Hotel, 729½ Summit St.

900½ Monroe St., operated by Rose Bush.

1234 Monroe St., operated by Margaret Clark, sister of Detective Earl McBride.

616 Lafayette St., operated by Kitty Speery.

111 So. Erie St., operated by Eleanor Crockett.

43 Vance St., operated by Mae Leonard.

49 Vance St., operator unknown.

632 S. 11th St., operated by Myrtle Malone.

634 S. 11th St., operator unknown - this place had been previously vacant but apparently opened for the first time on this date.

50 Wabash St., operated by Maude Noble.

51 Wabash St., operated by Margaret Russell.

48 Wabash St., operated by Susan Howard.

Referring to the closing of these known houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, due to the activity of Special Agents of this Bureau, [redacted] confidentially advised on June 15, 1936, that after Special Agents had interviewed several landladies, most of the known houses of prostitution closed down; that the "pay-off" for the month had been made and when the houses closed the collector had to "kick back" part of the protection money; that he understood that the City Hall newspaper reporters get \$200.00 a month each from protection money paid; that these reporters are Phil Gibbs of the Toledo Blade newspaper, Mike Desmond, who is now a feature writer for the Toledo News-Bee, and Jack Flanigan of the Toledo Times; that Gibbs and Desmond are very close friends of CAPTAIN TILLIKEY and give him a boost whenever they can; also [redacted] further stated that Mabel Green was formerly a "front" for "pay-offs" and Maxine Belmont was the "front" for about three weeks, up until the present administration was inducted into office on January 1, 1936; that he understood that at the date of this interview a police officer was the collector for the protection money.

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Pay-offs and protection money

On June 27, 1936, Special Agents R. C. Suran, and D. P. Sullivan interviewed Hattie Harris, who signed a written statement containing the following information:

That she was employed as a housekeeper in houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, from 1926 until 1935; that in 1927

she obtained employment as housekeeper for Fay Clark, at 112 and 114 Nebraska Avenue; that about 1930 she was left in complete charge of these two houses; that thereafter each month for about two years, from about 1930 to 1932, upon instructions of Fay Clark, she went to the residence of TED ANGUS and personally paid \$100.00 on each occasion. As a result of these payments, the police did not raid this house of prostitution except when the girls tapped on the window to attract customers; that from 1930 to 1933 officers Chris Brennan, Tafelski, Brown, McCarthy, Michalak and other members of the Vice Squad would visit Fay Clark's house but would not raid or arrest any one unless there was some disturbance.

Hattie Harris verbally stated that on occasions when the "heat" was considered to be on the town, some member of the Vice Squad would call at the house and leave word to close up.

On June 12, 1936, a written statement was taken from Mrs. Edward Joyce, who was operating a house of prostitution at 50 Walsh St. as heretofore mentioned. This signed statement - that at about four years ago she was operating a house of prostitution at 202 Erie St. and was advised by other operators of houses of prostitution that in order to remain open, she would have to see TED and BERT ANGUS at the Casino Club in Point Place; that she saw TED ANGUS, who told her it would cost her \$100.00 a month to stay open, this money to be paid in advance; that she paid \$100.00 one month and during this period was not bothered by the Toledo Police Department; that the following month when she did not pay the Vice Squad continually visited her house and arrested her on one occasion; that they made it so miserable for her that she closed up her house of prostitution; that about June or July of 1935, she was not paying protection money and the Vice Squad frequently visited her house, running through the rooms; that at the suggestion of Julius Davis, she paid \$50.00 protection money and was not bothered by the Vice Squad during that month; that when she did not pay the following month, the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department came into her house of prostitution and looked around on several occasions.

NOTE: Mrs. Edward Joyce, alias Maude Noble, has died since the above interview.

On June 11, 1936, when Agents were making investigation at the house of prostitution operated by Pauline Neinstein at the Riverside Hotel, 921 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio, Wm. Fisk, badge No. 228, of the Toledo Police Department, called at this house of prostitution in a casual manner; when he was questioned by Agents, he stated that he was looking for violations of the liquor laws.

[REDACTED] confidentially advised that he had obtained information that officers Fisk and Kline of the liquor squad were the present collectors of protection money from houses of prostitution. This information could not be verified.

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On the night of June 12, 1936, while Agents were making an investigation at the house of prostitution operated by Kitty Sperry at 616 Lafayette St., the telephone rang and the maid answered it. Special Agent D. P. Sullivan approached the telephone and overheard the man calling ask for Kitty and when the maid advised that she was busy, the man calling left a message for Kitty to call Adams 4141. This telephone is listed to the Toledo Police Department.

Jacqueline Thomas, an inmate at this house of prostitution, stated that one of the maids at this place advised her that one night during the week of June 15, 1936, the night Chief of Police (whose identify is not known) called at this address and refused to take a drink from a bottle of liquor which Kitty Sperry had and which bottle contained only one drink; that he returned on the following night, when Kitty Speery had a full bottle of liquor, and he and Kitty went into a small room on the first floor, closed the door and began drinking, and this officer left orders that he did not wish to be disturbed even by Federal Agents.

While Agents were making investigation at 616 Lafayette St. on the afternoon of June 11, 1936, Detectives Donald McGregor and W. Cook, members of the Vice Squad, entered this house of prostitution in a jaunty fashion as though they had been there frequently and were welcome. They explained their presence by stating they were making a routine inspection; that they had been

on the Vice Squad one month at that time and had made no arrests to date at this house of prostitution and would be unable to do so unless they caught a man with an inmate in her room, however, these two officers made no effort to make an inspection of the upstairs bed-rooms in this house.

At about 10:30 P.M. the night of June 16, 1936, Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan saw a uniformed police officer leave a house of prostitution at 43 Vance St. and enter a Toledo Police Department squad car bearing 1936 Ohio plates OR 886. Captain Charles Hennessy confidentially advised that this squad car was used on the night of June 16, 1936 by officers Harry Steel and Seaders; that these officers would have no reason to call at 43 Vance St. in connection with their official duties; that there was no record made by them of such a call having been made.

Officer J. Michalak, residence 3122 Warsaw St., was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan and he admitted that he and other members of the old Hoodlum Squad would visit 616 Lafayette St., a house of prostitution operated by Kitty Sperry, would go with her into a back room and close the door; that this was done only to discuss general matters because she like all other madames wanted to know what the "beef" was; that he and other members of the Vice or Hoodlum Squad who might be with him did not always bother to look in the bed-rooms for men visitors in order to get evidence of violation of law.

Apparently as a part of the system of protecting houses of prostitution, in exchange for protection money paid by them, certain police officers assigned to the Vice Squad have in the past been prevented from entering houses of prostitution and are assigned exclusively to working on the streets in arresting women solicitors.

Officer L. D. Mills stated that in January or February 1934, he worked for about ten days under Captain George Timiney; that Timiney called the various members of the Squad into the Chief's office and in the presence of the Chief of Police told them, including himself, Mills, that the Vice Squad should only work the streets and arrest only street walkers; that when he told

Timiney he did not believe this order was consistent with the duties of an officer of the Vice Squad, to remain out of the houses of prostitution, Timiney remarked - "You take care of the streets and I will take care of the --- houses". Mills stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad two days later, no reason being given for this action.

Officer Joseph Cichy, residence 721 Westwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed on August 4, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy, stated that during February 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad under Captain George Timiney; that at that time he was assigned to work exclusively on the streets in arresting street solicitors.

Officer C.L.Blinn, residence 878 Prouty Ave., Toledo, was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on August 3, 1936, and he stated that from January 1934 to August 1934, he was assigned to the Vice Squad under Captain George Timiney; that during this time he was assigned to the duty of arresting street walkers only and was not permitted to enter houses of prostitution.

History

Evidence was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio, that the conditions found in that city during June and July 1936, did not differ in great measure from that which apparently existed in previous years. In March 1934, a comprehensive confidential report was made by an investigator of the Social Hygiene Council, setting up the results of an inquiry made into vice and corruption in that city. The results of this investigation are summarized as follows:

1. That hotels furnish prostitutes or prostitutes would be furnished through bell-boys of hotels in Toledo.
2. That every house of prostitution is compelled to "pay-off" from \$15.00 to \$25.00 for the smallest places and more for the larger places in order to continue to operate.
3. That George Timiney, then head of the Vice Squad, controlled the collection of "pay-offs" according to statements made by madames of houses of prostitution that were interviewed.

4. That the "pay-off" is divided between police officers and politicians.

5. That no effort was made to close known houses of prostitution but orders were given to such houses to refrain from window tapping, etc.

6. That the madames of houses of prostitution carried sufficient influence (apparently through police officers and politicians) to change the ideas of the Mayor of Toledo to best suit the madames of such houses.

7. That the so-called periodic "vice" and "purity" drives are but temporary and have little if any effect in suppressing vice.

8. That the investigator visited 39 houses of prostitution where 97 (88 white, 9 negro) prostitutes were interviewed or learned about; that of this number only 4 (2 white, 2 negro) were not sexual perverts, the other 93 perverts offering their services at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

9. That the report shows that the investigator visited the houses of prostitution at 111 S. Erie St., operated by Elinor Crockett, alias Beatrice Fuller, and visited the Riverside Hotel at 921 Summit St., which was operated by Pauline Neinstein.

(It is to be noted that both of the above mentioned places were operated by the same madames when Agents conducted investigation at these places in June 1936).

Rev. Harlan Frost confidentially advised that copies of the above report were provided to Mr. Klotz, former mayor of Toledo, Ohio, and his safety director John Price; that a copy was provided the present City Manager, John Edy, and Chief of Police, Ray Allen.

Indicative of the fact that conditions found by investigating agents in June and July 1936, have prevailed over a long period of time is found in an investigation made by Rev. Charles B. Harrison, who submitted a confidential report dated June 3, 1935.

Vice

Findings of Rev. Charles B. Harrison are practically a resume of the investigation conducted by the Social Hygiene Council.

X Slot machines racket

The report states that in 1927, 5,000 slot machines were located in Toledo, Ohio, and were controlled by the Frettie Brothers, who compelled competing operators to pay them a percentage of their earnings for the privilege of placing stickers of the Acme Sales Co., operated by the Frettie Brothers, on their machines; the machines not so identified would be confiscated by the police; that after Judge Norris ordered the police in the first part of 1935 to bring in slot machines found and to also bring to court proprietors of places where such machines were located, the Frettie Brothers gave up the slot machine business and began dealing in pin ball machines.

Gambling

At the date of the above report, June 1935, the following gambling places were operating:

Jovial Club,
631 St Clair St.,
Operated by Ed Warnke.

The Recreation Club,
513 Jefferson St.
Operated by Harry Levine.

The Superior,
120 Superior St.,
Operated by Bennie Harris.

The Buckeye,
227 Superior St.
Operated by Bennie Aronoff.

The R. & K. Smoke Shop,
428½ Superior St.

Ralph Duggan's Place,
625 St Clair St.

Note: All of the above mentioned places were operating openly
at Toledo, Ohio, at the time the Special Agents of this Bureau
conducted instant investigation in June and July 1936.

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(Telephone Tap on Maxine Belmont)

On July 6, 1936, a tap was placed on the telephone of Maxine Belmont, telephone Adams 1556, listed to her paramour, John Thomas, residence 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio. This tap was maintained until October 3, 1936. During the maintenance of this telephone tap various conversations were overheard, definitely indicating that she was in close association with certain members of the Toledo Police Department, especially members of the vice squad.

That very little, if any, effort was made to close the Shelby Hotel, a notorious house of prostitution operated by Maxine Belmont;

That the raids conducted by the vice squad apparently were friendly raids made apparently only for the purpose of making a show of suppressing vice;

That the Belmont woman had numerous meetings with police officers of the vice squad and that her house was frequently visited by police officers and even by Municipal Court Judge Ramey;

That the conversations indicated a corrupt alliance existing between Maxine Belmont and other operators of houses of prostitution at Toledo and members of the vice squad of the Toledo Police Department.

The following conversation indicates that raids conducted by the Toledo Police Department are a matter of routine, both for the police officers and for the operators of houses of prostitution, and was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin, who was continuously assigned to the surveillance on the telephone tap of Maxine Belmont, beginning July 6, 1936. The pertinent parts of this conversation are set out herewith, the conversation taking place at 5:16 P. M., on September 3, 1936, the call being incoming, and the conversation being between Jennie Whitey, manager of the Shelby Hotel, and Maxine Belmont,

whose voice can be identified by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Jennie: Fritz was in court today and was up to see the "Big Boss." He seen all the boys, Cookie and Gilley. (Apparently Cook and Gilley of the vice squad). Fritz said to them, "When are you going to knock off her on Ontario Street?" They told him they would take her in her turn and then Kitty Diamond would be next. Fritz said, "Knock her over first and take Kitty Diamond later."

Maxine: You mean the old lady?

Jennie: Yes.

Conversations between Maxine Belmont and others indicate that she and other madams of the houses of prostitution at Toledo, Ohio, frequently have meetings with members of the Toledo Police Department. The following conversation was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin at 11:05 P. M. on July 19, 1936, the call being an incoming call and the conversation being between Maxine Belmont and Lena, who gossip about general matters and Lena then tells Maxine that she has to meet the "shamus" (Jewish for police) at two P. M. tomorrow.

Maxine Belmont apparently had meetings with certain members of the vice squad and the conversation quoted herewith has reference to Officer Gilley, a member of the vice squad of the Toledo Police Department. The conversation is a result of an outgoing call made by Maxine Belmont at 4:29 P. M. on August 23, 1936, to Main 0596, which is listed to the Market Business Men's Club, 216½ Superior Street (gambling house operated by paramour of Maxine Belmont, John Thomas) and was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Maxine: Gilley made an appointment to meet me at your place at five o'clock and I don't want to disappoint him. Will there be some place up in front for us to sit?

Johnny: Yes.

Special Agent R. A. Guerin can identify both the voices of Maxine Belmont and John Thomas.

A subsequent conversation verified the fact that Maxine Belmont actually did meet Gilley, as mentioned in the conversation of August 23, 1936, at 4:29 P. M. The following conversation was overheard by Former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh at 9:47 P. M. on August 23, 1936, the call being an outgoing call to Adams 4941, which telephone is listed to Jennie Blank, 901 Monroe Street. (This is the address of the house of prostitution of Rosie Bush.) Former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh began the surveillance on this telephone tap on July 6, 1936, and can identify the voice of Maxine Belmont:

Maxine: Hello, Lena. How are you?
Lena: Hot. How are you?
Maxine: Alright. Last night Gilley and his partner were in the place and wanted to see me. Mary told me and I had to meet them and talk to them for one and one-half hours. I told them that I did not want to be a bad loser, but neither did I want to lose the big prize. * * *
Lena: His partner was around.
Maxine: I know. I'll see you tomorrow and tell you about it.

Frequent reference is made in the conversations of Maxine Belmont with other operators of houses of prostitution concerning "the boys", reference apparently being made to members of the vice squad. The conversation quoted herewith indicates the friendly attitude of "the boys" to Jennie Whitey, manager of the Shelby Hotel, the conversation taking place at 5:16 P. M., on September 3, 1936, it being an incoming call; part of the conversation mentioned above relating to Officers Cook and Gilley. The pertinent portions are herewith quoted. The conversation was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Jennie: * * * "The Boys" were up here and he says to me, "I got to give you credit * * * you took it like a good fellow. (Apparently having reference to the arrest of Jennie Whitey at the Shelby Hotel a day or two previous to this conversation.)
Maxine: You should say you had been here for 20 years.
Jennie: I told them I wasn't squawking, but I told them I did think it was rotten. Two of them are coming up tonight at ten as they can't get me there in the daytime.

Maxine: Which ones? The two smart ones?
Jennie: Hazen and (Maxine interrupted Jennie at this point)
Maxine: Oh, the old timers. Do you want me to come up about
that time so I'll be there?
Jennie: Yes.

The following conversation indicates that Maxine Belmont is friendly with Detective Art Langendorf, who is presently a member of the special investigative squad of the Toledo Police Department. The conversation took place at 4:40 P. M. on September 2, 1936, being an outgoing call to Adams 4530, which telephone is listed to Rose Smith, 628 Ontario Street, which address is a house of prostitution operated by Bill Kozman and his paramour, Rose Smith. Special Agent R. A. Guerin overheard this conversation:

Maxine: Mary, is Helen sleeping? Well let me talk to her.
Hello, Helen. How are you?
Helen: Fine, I had the best sleep since I have been here.
You know things are better and I feel fine today.
Lena went downtown this afternoon.
Maxine: These hours are too irregular. I am cooking dinner
tonight. Art Langendorf gave me a fish and I got
it in the Algeo (hotel) last night. I have got it
cut up and it only makes two pieces and I asked Lena
to come up too. Marie could not come.
Helen: Well, that will work out all right. * * *.

The houses of prostitution operating openly in Toledo, and apparently with the knowledge and consent of the Toledo Police Department, apparently are governed by unwritten rules and regulations transmitted to the operators of these houses of prostitution by members of the vice squad, as indicated by the following conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, at 2:35 A. M. on July 29, 1936, the call being an outgoing call, number not being recorded, but apparently to the Shelby Hotel, and was between Maxine Belmont and Maude, whose voice sounded to Agent Wynn like that of a negro woman.

Maxine: How is everything? How many girls working?
Maude: Two. "The boys" were here tonight. They said things were hot and not to have more than two girls and not to let more than three men in at one time. No crowds; you know what I mean. You know we have been having four girls at night.
Maxine: I'll see Jennie. You take care of things. Keep the door locked.
Maude: Yes, mam, I'se taking care of things just like you was here.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn was on duty on July 29, 1936, apparently only to relieve either Special Agent R. A. Guerin, or former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh, but cannot identify the voice of Maxine Belmont.

The reference to "things being hot" apparently refers to the activities of Agents at Toledo, Ohio, which apparently resulted in the above rule of limiting two prostitutes to a house of prostitution.

Further confirmation of the order that only two girls should be employed at the Shelby Hotel is found in the following conversation at 3:59 P. M. on July 29, 1936, the call being an outgoing call, the number not recorded on the recorder, and the woman calling apparently being Maxine Belmont:

Maxine: Hello.
Jennie: I called you this afternoon, but you were not home.
Maxine: I was home, but I don't answer the phone. I'll explain why when I see you.
Jennie: "The boys" were here last night. They saw only two girls working and thought that was all. They said not to work any more, but I am getting Margie for tonight anyway. I'll be up to the house about 7:30 when I get off.
Maxine: All right, Jennie.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who relieved either Special Agent R. A. Guerin, or former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh, on the above date, and he cannot identify the voices of either Maxine Belmont or Jennie.

Information was likewise obtained indicating that the captain (apparently of the vice squad) refrained from conducting a raid on the house of prostitution operated by Rosie Bush on a Saturday night, probably because of the large amount of business that would be lost by Rosie Bush if her house were closed on Saturday night. In this connection the following conversation taking place at 12:09 A. M. on August 3, 1936, was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin, the call being an outgoing call, but the number called was not obtained, the conversation being between Maxine Belmont and Rosie (apparently Rosie Bush), 901 Monroe Street:

Maxine: When you go down there tell "the boys" you want to be all right, but your lawyer is out of town and you want a postponement. Did they call the wagon?
Rosie: Yes, the captain said that they could have made it Saturday night, but they gave me a break.
Maxine: Schwartzy (apparently Heslip, the lawyer) is friendly with you. Know who I mean? So get the postponement until the 11th.
Rosie: All right. I'll talk to them.

Reference is again made to the captain, apparently referring to Captain Fauble of the vice squad, in such manner as would indicate that no effort was being made to close houses of prostitution, but only to arrest one inmate. The following conversation relative to this matter was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin at 12:03 A. M. on August 3, 1936, and apparently this telephone call has reference to the same raid mentioned in the above telephone call. The call was an outgoing one, the number of which was not obtained, and was between Maxine Belmont and Rosie:

Maxine: Listen, Rosie, you better get that postponed until next week. Make it the 11th or the 12th and that party will be back.
Rosie: Do you think I can do that?
Maxine: Certainly. Who was there?
Rosie: All of them, even the captain. He told me they would treat me all right; so they only took one. I'll see you tomorrow and tell you all about it.

Information was likewise obtained concerning gross misconduct on the part of Moss (apparently Officer Moss of the vice squad) in that he admitted that he was intoxicated at the time apparently that a raid was conducted. Likewise Officer Haala, who has since been dismissed from the Toledo Police Department was responsible for the Shelby Hotel being raided by the vice squad, because of newspaper publicity to the effect that Haala and Jennie Whitey, manager of the Shelby Hotel, were involved in a domestic quarrel with Halla's wife, who learned of an affair that Haala was carrying on with Jennie Whitey.

At 2:45 P. M. on August 16, 1936, the following incoming call was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin:

Woman: I don't feel well. I am disgusted.
Maxine: I suppose you are still bothered after having those teeth pulled. I had to meet some people up at Jennie's, so they would not be bothering her. They said though that they were sent up there. You know, sent up to do it on account of that other trouble. (probably referring to the Haala-Jennie Whitey affair mentioned in Toledo newspapers.)
Woman: I saw somebody yesterday and asked why they were picking on her. This party said it was because of that trouble she had. * * *
Maxine: When they came up there Freddie Moss (member of the Toledo Police Department) was so drunk he could hardly stand up. He was paralyzed and in court he said he was drunk and he did not know what he was doing. That other one is coming back to work tomorrow and you know how he is. He is the leader and I don't like to see him come back.

The above conversation likewise indicates that Maxine Belmont has several acquaintances either in the Toledo Police Department, or with persons having influence with the Toledo Police Department, who discuss with such persons the reasons why the Shelby Hotel should be raided.

The surveillance on the telephone of Maxine Belmont likewise developed information to the effect that Municipal Court Judge Ramey also visited the Shelby Hotel. This is

verified by a conversation overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin at 5:16 P. M., on September 3, 1936, portions of which conversation, concerning other matters, have already been set out. The pertinent portions concerning Judge Ramey are as follows:

Jennie: I forgot to tell you - Judge Ramey was up yesterday about 11 or 11:30 A. M. Viola called me and I asked her if he called up, and she said, "No, he is here now, talking to Betty. He made them call you but you were not home.
Maxine: I don't want to call him at home. I'll call him tomorrow over there, you know.

Maxine Belmont apparently was greatly upset by the fact that a uniformed police sergeant should make an investigation at, or conduct a raid on her house of prostitution, the Shelby Hotel, as indicated by the following conversation between Maxine Belmont and Sadie (apparently Sadie Dann), operator of a house of prostitution at the Oxford Hotel, at 1:50 P. M., on July 17, 1936, overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh:

Maxine: Hello.
Sadie: Hello, it's me.
Maxine: Is anybody down there?
Sadie: No.
Maxine: Well, one of the sergeants was to our place.
Sadie: Yes?
Maxine: I don't know why you don't have your telephone listed.
Sadie: Well, I gave you the number, Adams 0644. I'll tell you what, I'll find out who it is and let you know.
Maxine: We know who it is, but we can't have things going on like that.
Sadie: Who is it?
Maxine: Halderman (apparently Sergeant Halderman), the old man, and another uniform, and he means business; said he would be back every hour.
Sadie: Yes, well I'll find out and let you know tonight. You will be there at six, won't you?
Maxine: Yes, is everything prepared?
Sadie: Yes. I ordered it.

Further information concerning this raid is contained in telephone conversation at 1:15 P. M., on July 17, 1936, between Maxine Belmont and Betty (apparently a prostitute at the Shelby Hotel), the call being an incoming one and was overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh:

Woman: Hello, Maxine? * * * This is Betty.
Maxine: Yes.
Betty: Is it all right to talk to you?
Maxine: Sure.
Betty: Halderman and another came in and one went one way and Halderman caught me on the bed. The man pleaded with him and did everything but cry, so he let him go, and told me he would be back every hour for the rest of the day, tomorrow and Sunday.
Maxine: Are you sure it was Halderman?
Betty: Yes, he told us his name and he was in here before kidding.

In connection with the same raid, information was obtained indicating a disregard by Maxine for the police, probably because of the power she feels she holds in Toledo in operating a notorious house of prostitution. The following conversation was overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh at 2:25 P. M., on July 17, 1936, the call being an outgoing one to Adams 0655, which is listed to the Shelby Hotel at $729\frac{1}{2}$ Summit Street:

Maxine: Hello, Viola?
Woman: This is _____ (name not understood)
Maxine: Is Betty or May busy? * * * Let me talk to Betty.
Woman: Hello.
Maxine: Betty?
Betty: Yes.
Maxine: I called and that party goes off work at three o'clock.
Betty: Yes.
Maxine: I'll be down before you girls go off work at five o'clock, and talk to you.
Betty: All right, Maxine.
Maxine: It's all right for Jennie to tell them to go to hell, because she knows them, but you don't.
Betty: That is what I figured. No use to defy him and say, "Take me down."
Maxine: I would like to tell him to go to hell myself, but you have to use your head.

The close alliance of Maxine Belmont with members of the vice squad is indicated in the conversation which will be quoted hereafter, wherein Maxine mentions that she was talking to Jennie and to "the boys" (members of the vice squad) and apparently learned from them that Halderman and his partner had no business making an investigation at the Shelby Hotel, and she indicates that members of the vice squad are of the opinion that they are the only officers connected with the Toledo Police Department, who have a right to investigate it, or raid houses of prostitution. The conversation bearing on this matter was overheard by former Special Agent M. J. Kavanaugh at 9:50 A. M. on July 18, 1936, in an outgoing telephone call to Adams 0655 (Shelby Hotel) between Maxine Belmont and one May, who apparently is a prostitute at the Shelby Hotel.

Maxine: Hello, May?
May: Yes, mam.
Maxine: I was talking to Jennie and "our boys" last night and they said that those fellows (Halderman and partner) had no business coming there and were just putting on and would hardly be back.
May: Yes.
Maxine: "Our boys" said they were awfully burned about it and said they could not come in without them.
May: Yes.
Maxine: He goes off duty at three and I don't think he will be in.
May: We will be careful. We have the door open now, but when we are busy it is closed.
Maxine: All right May.

(Telephone Tap on Sadie Dann)

From August 14, 1936, to September 8, 1936, a telephone tap was maintained on telephone number Adams 0644, listed to the Oxford Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. The Oxford Hotel at that time was being operated by Sadie Dann. Numerous conversations were overheard at that time but only such conversations as are pertinent to this report are being quoted herewith. This telephone tap was maintained by Special Agents N. S. Harzenstein and E. J. Dowd. The conversations overheard indicated that Sadie Dann and Maxine Belmont had meetings and apparently associated together; that certain officers of the Vice Squad apparently visited the Oxford Hotel and knew that this place was being operated as a house of prostitution although no information was obtained indicating that any attempt was made to raid this known house of prostitution by members of the Vice Squad.

The following conversations are quoted:

August 23, 1936, 1 P.M., outgoing call to Adams 1556 (listed to John Thomas, 2105 Warren St.)

Sadie Dann- Well I heard last night that something happened on the street there is something I wanted to talk to you about can I see you downtown this afternoon?
Maxine Belmont- Sure you can meet me at 2:30 or 3 o'clock in the same place.
Sadie Dann- 2:30 is all right - in the drug store.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

August 27, 1936, incoming call.

Sadie Dann- How is everything?
Mickey- Terrible - it is just murder. Are you at home?
Sadie Dann- No
Mickey- Homer just told me there was a little excitement down the street - you know.
Sadie Dann- Who told him?

Mickey- The boys - the boys who come up here -
you know who I mean.
Sadie Dann- Freddie (apparently Fred Moss, member
of the Vice Squad).
Mickey- No Bob - you know who I mean. He told
Homer he just saw two car loads of
"maedels" (Jewish meaning girls) going
down and he wanted to know if it was
here or the other. You know what I mean.
Homer just went out to find out some-
thing for me.
Sadie Dann- Was Freddie up there?
Mickey- Yes
Sadie Dann- Did he say anything?
Mickey- No
Sadie Dann- Well I am going to find out what it
was - I will call you back.
The above conversation was overheard by Special
Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

August 19, 1936, incoming call.
Sadie Dann- Alma still there?
Woman answering-No (personal conversation regarding
cooking, etc.) Mr. Tice and Mr. Cook
are here now.
(aside - "Mr. Tice do you want to talk")
It is not necessary for you to come
home - it is nothing special.
Sadie Dann- They are there now eh? I will talk to
you later.
The above conversation was overheard by Special
Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

Note - The Tice and Cook referred to in this con-
versation apparently are officers Tice and
Cook of the Vice Squad.

Punishment to police officers for performing
duties in suppressing vice

Information was obtained during the investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio, that officers fear to carry out their duties because of the knowledge of the alliance of operators of vice resorts with the Police Department. The uniformed police officers are reluctant to enter houses of prostitution, even at the date of the investigation conducted by Special Agents of this Bureau on August 10, 1936.

On August 10, 1936, officer J. Mihalak, who was presently in uniform and who formerly was a member of the Hoodlum Squad, was interviewed. He stated that shortly after the induction of the present administration into office in January 1936, an order was issued that every policeman was responsible for anything that occurred on his beat. Mihalak stated that later this order was changed to read that evidence of gambling or prostitution could be investigated by uniformed police officers but if such uniformed policemen only had a suspicion that a violation of law was being committed in connection with a house of prostitution or a gambling house, this information should be turned over to the Chief of Police. Also Mihalak stated that as a result of this order no policeman would take the responsibility of entering a house of prostitution or a gambling place to obtain evidence of a violation, even if he had good reason to believe that the law was being violated, for fear that he could not prove that his suspicions were well founded.

Further confirmation of this reluctance on the part of uniformed police officers to make any investigation in connection with houses of prostitution is found in the statement made by Officer J. P. McGuire, residence 2140½ Perth St., Toledo, when he was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on August 5, 1936. He stated that although he had the authority to enter Kitty Speery's house of prostitution at 616 Lafayette St., which is on his beat, he has not done so and does not intend to enter that place, stating that such matters are the work of the Vice Squad and he is leaving it up to that squad.

Information was obtained also that police officers who apparently are anxious to carry out their duties are transferred to other work when they make an effort to suppress vice or gambling.

On August 20, 1936, Captain Rydman, who was Captain of Detectives of the Toledo Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan, at which time he confidentially advised that some years ago he was placed in charge of the Hoodlum Squad; that under his orders the squad raided several houses of prostitution and he was successful in obtaining convictions and at the same time establishing a good source of information that could be useful in further investigations; that nothing was said to him about his activities but he was relieved of his assignment a week later and put on a desk.

That an active effort to suppress vice was still punishable even up to the period when Special Agents of this Bureau conducted their investigation at Toledo is indicated from information obtained from officer Donald MacGregor, who was interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran on July 10, 1936. MacGregor at that time confidentially advised that he was on the Vice Squad from May 1936, to July 1, 1936, at which latter date he was returned to uniform; that on May 18, 1936, he with officer Cook arrested Jane Evans at the Shelby Hotel, who was operating the place in the absence of Jennie Whitie; that Martha Martin, an inmate, was found having a date with one William Kennedy; that he and officer Cook were successful in prosecuting these two women; the Evans woman was fined \$15.00 and costs for keeping a house of ill fame and Martha Martin was fined \$10.00 and costs, and William Kennedy forfeited a \$50.00 cash bond. MacGregor stated that he was removed from the Vice Squad without explanation in less than two weeks; MacGregor stated that Cook was not removed from the Vice Squad and he mentioned that Cook was a brother-in-law of Captain Fauble, who is the present head of the Vice Squad.

A telephone tap was maintained on the telephone listed in the name of Wittenberg-Jacobs & Berenson, Main 9711, Toledo, Ohio, from July 6, 1936, to and ending August 8, 1936.

Conversations over this telephone indicated that the firm of Wittenberg-Jacobs & Berenson, 538 Erie Street, composed of the three Wittenberg brothers, Earl (Ike), Dave, and Myer, together with Ben Berenson, and Jacobs, is practically the only professional bail bond firm in Toledo, Ohio, dealing exclusively in criminal bail bonds.

The conversations over the telephone further indicate that members of this firm are in close contact with the police department, particularly the turnkey's office and that as a matter of fact various turnkeys, as well as police matrons call them and give them information with reference to prisoners, who are in the city jail, and in several instances the turnkeys were heard to comment on whether or not the people who were arrested were good prospects for bail purposes.

Conversations over the telephone further reflect that this firm makes a practice of "fixing" tickets given by the traffic department of the Toledo Police Department, to motorists for violations of the auto laws, their ability to do this apparently being through connections in the city clerk's office.

In addition to the above activities, conversations over the telephone indicate that members of this firm are able to obtain certain confidential information from the city clerk's office with reference to certain criminal warrants and to use their influence to have false returns made on the warrants or to delay their execution, this influence extending to the Sheriff's office.

Pertinent conversations heard over the telephone tap reflecting the existence of the above conditions are set out herein-after:

- FIXING AUTO LAW VIOLATION TICKETS -

July 7, 1936 Incoming call at 6:10 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
Man calling: Myer, is Abe there? This is Gardner over at the county jail. I got a yellow ticket today and I would like to have him take care of it.
Myer: Abe's not here now, but I'll have him call you.

The foregoing conversation refers to Malcolm M. Gardner,
also known as "Speedy" Gardner, a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff
James J. O'Reilly.

July 7, 1936 Incoming call at 7:36 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Myer, this is Babe. My kid cousin got a ticket yesterday and he's got to go to court tomorrow.
Myer: How many has he got?
Babe: This is his first.
Myer: I'll fix it up. What's his name and address?
Babe: Semore Davis, 632 W. Delaware Street.

July 7, 1936 Incoming call at 8:57 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill.

Man calling: Is Earl there?
Man answering: No, he isn't. I am his brother. Can I help you?
Man calling: A friend of mine, Mrs. Al Ducey, got a notice to come down and she's kind of scared. She got a Ford license #1953.
Man answering: Tell her to tell them she is not at home if they come out for her tomorrow. Earl will be back tomorrow.

July 8, 1936 Incoming call at 4:30 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Myer, this is Bill O'Wine. Abe Goodman got a ticket and I stuck it in my pocket and forgot it. He got a warrant. Take care of it, will you? Also take care of Lenard Greenberg and Marvin Prioni.
Myer: What is this? You got to be a regular fixer haven't you?
Bill: Well, I got to take care of the Hebes.
Myer: Prioni ain't no Hebe name to me.
Bill: Well, he works for a Hebe and they got a lot of votes.
Myer: All right, I'll fix it.

The person indicated as the calling party, Bill O'Wine, in view of subsequent conversations over the telephone is believed to be William Lewand, a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly, Lucas County, Ohio.

July 9, 1936 Incoming call at 3:12 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Bill: Dave, a good friend of mine named Lenard Greenberg, a partner in the Cleveland Exchange Machinery, got a ticket. Will you take care of it and if a bench warrant is issued have it torn up?
Dave: Did they notify him to appear in court yet?
Bill: No.
Dave: Well, the night before, let me know and it will be taken care of and he will not have to appear.

July 9, 1936 Incoming call at 4:05 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Bill: This is Bill. Say Ike, Marty Watson got a ticket and a bench warrant is out for him. They were at the house this morning. Will you take care of it and let me know right away?
Ike: Call up at eight tonight.
Bill: Will you be there then?
Ike: No, the Muzzler will let you know about it. He is on then.

The Bill referred to is believed to be Bill Lewand, Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly of Lucas County, Ohio.

July 9, 1936 Incoming call at 7:00 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Steve Gardner: Myer, this is Steve Gardner. I called the court today about a ticket they had for me, but you didn't do anything about it and they got a bench warrant out for me. They had the wagon out here for me.
Myer: I'll see that it is taken care of this time.

It is believed that the person referred to in the above conversation as Steve Gardner is in fact Deputy Sheriff Malcolm M. Gardner, known as "Speed" Gardner.

July 9, 1936

Incoming call at 10:25 P. M.

Agent H. B. Dill

Gardner:

Myer:

Myer, this is Steve (Speed) again. Did you see Abe about that? They came over here again for me. He said he did fix it, but I'll see him again.

July 10, 1936

Incoming call at 3:18 P. M.

Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling:

Dave:

Man calling:

Dave:

Man calling:

Dave:

Man calling:

Dave:

Dave, my Dick got caught on Broadway. Will you fix it up?

How fast was he going?

45 miles.

What officer got him?

Al Tobey.

When is he supposed to appear?

Nine o'clock on July 16th.

All right, I'll fix it.

July 10, 1936

Incoming call at 4:48 P. M.

Agent H. B. Dill

Mickey:

Ike, this is Mickey. There is a ticket for Harold G. Watkins, 1071 Lincoln.

Ike:

I'll see if I can catch it tonight. If I can't I'll get it in the morning.

The person referred to as Mickey is believed to be Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin, whose nickname is Mickey. He is an office deputy in the office of Sheriff James J. O'Reilly in the Lucas County Court House.

July 21, 1936

Incoming call at 6:35 P. M.

Agent H. B. Dill

Girl:

Davey, this is Charlotte. My neighbor got a ticket. Can you fix it for her?

Dave:

I can't fix it now. The chief makes them account for every ticket. We even have to pay our own now. I guess she will have to pay the buck.

Charlotte:

O. K. Davey.

July 22, 1936 Outgoing call at 1:15 P. M. to Agent H. B. Dill
 Adams 8402

Ike: What is your license number? I want to get
Man: your tickets all cleaned up.
 My number is 9574 C. Only have one ticket.

July 23, 1936 Incoming call at 1:15 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: This is O'Wine (believed to be Bill Lewand).
 Did you take care of that ticket?
Ike: I told the Muzzler. We have a few and they all
 can't be taken care of.
Man calling: Did Dave Goodman show up?
Ike: Yes, he was here last night and left \$3.00.

The person referred to as the Muzzler is believed to be
a man by the name of Shapiro.

July 24, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:52 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd
 Main 0114 (Soldier Boy Shoe Shine Shop)

Ike: Matt, what is your license number on your car. I
 want to get everything cleaned up down here and
 make sure that they have no record on you. Now
 that a new order came out there is no more tag
 fixing.
Matt: My number is 7265 A.

July 24, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:54 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd
 Adams 5549 (listed in name of Dr. P. D.
 Werum, 411 W. Bancroft)

Ike: Doc, this is Wittenberg calling. What is the
 number on your car? I want to check the records
 and see that there is nothing against you. You
 know a new order came out and there is to be no
 more tag fixing, and I want to see that everything
 against you is cleaned up.
Dr. Werum: My number is 7737 B.

July 27, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:20 P. M. to Agent R. A. Guerin
Adams 5549 (listed in name of Dr.
P. D. Werum, 411 W. Bancroft St.)

Ike:

Let me talk to Dr. Werum. Say Doc, tear
up that ticket the other part is gone and
there is no record of it.

Dr. W.R.
Ike:

O. K. Earl, and thanks.
Tear it up and say nothing about it to anyone.

July 28, 1936

Incoming call at 12:02 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling:

Is one of the Wittenberg boys in? This is Mr.
Benedict calling.

Man answering:

None of the Wittenbergs is in. This is Ben
Berenson. Is there anything I can do for you?
Yes. I got a tag in the name of Stella Braun,
parking in restricted zone in front of the
Melrose Hotel. Wittenberg promised to take care
of it for me.

Mr. Benedict:

I have taken a note of it and will have it taken
care of.

Berenson:

July 30, 1936

Outgoing call at 7:40 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd
Main 5510 (listed to G. & W. Mkt.,
2231 Monroe Street)

Ike:

Hello Morris. Let me know your license number on
your truck.

Morris:

CA 84. What's the idea?

Ike:

I want to clean up all your tags before tomorrow
night. After that time you are out of luck. Get
me?

Morris:

Oh, yeah.

July 31, 1936

Incoming call at 10:55 A. M.

Agent E. J. Dowd

Girl: Is Mr. Berenson in?
Thelma (office girl
for Wittenbergs): No, he won't be here until twelve o'clock.
Girl calling: When Mr. Berenson comes in will you please have
him call Main 5195 (Davis Machinery Co.) about
a ticket on a car, license #2934 A? Ben always
takes care of tickets and fixes them up. This
morning a policeman came here with an affidavit
regarding this ticket, which was placed on a car
on May 15th for parking in a driveway. It has
to be fixed before midnight tonight, so please
have him call one way or the other whether he
can fix it, otherwise we will have to appear in
court.
Thelma: I will have Mr. Berenson get in touch with you
today sure.

July 31, 1936

Incoming call at 11:15 A. M.

Agent E. J. Dowd

Ben Berenson: Is Ike in?
Thelma: No, he isn't. Say, Morris Davis telephoned about a
ticket he got on May 15th, which he wants you to fix
before tonight. He gave the license number of his
car and said that you should call him. Can you fix
it?
Ben Berenson: Yeah, I will attend to it and call Morris.
Thelma: Here's Ike now.
Ben Berenson: Say, Ike, what about that check for Christ? He
asked me about it.
Ike: I'll see about it.

July 31, 1936

Outgoing call at 12:01 P. M. to Agent E. J. Dowd

Adams 4141 (Toledo Police Dept.)
Say, Ben, this is Ben Berenson. Will you see if
you have a warrant there for Morris Davis?
No, I don't see anything. You might call me later.
O. K. I'll do that.

July 31, 1936 Incoming call at 4:20 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: Dave, this is Smithy. I've got one of those yellow jokers. Will you have it fixed for me? I got it yesterday.

Dave: Did they serve you with a warrant yet?

Man calling: No, but what am I to do?

Dave: Do nothing, just let me know when you are served to appear in court and I will see that everything is fixed O. K.

August 4, 1936 Incoming call at 6:12 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman: Bennie, you never did anything about that ticket for Mildred Greenberg. They came out here yesterday for her and you told me to call you when they did and you would take care of it.

Ben Berenson: I'll have the Muzzler take care of it.

August 6, 1936 Incoming call at 11:15 A. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman: Where can I get hold of Ike? My husband got two tags, one on July 1st and the other on the 13th and he wants him to fix them up.

Thelma: He is across the street. Call Adams 4141 and ask for the clerk's office.

(Adams 4141 is the Toledo Police Department switchboard.)

August 6, 1936 Incoming call at 2:06 P. M. Agent H. A. Guerin

Man: Davey, this is Nate. How about that ticket?

Dave: You will have to pay it I guess. Nobody can do anything about them now. Tell him to come down tomorrow and see me.

- ALLIANCE BETWEEN WITTENBERG-JACOBS & BERENSON WITH
TURNKEY'S OFFICE AND POLICE MATRONS -

July 7, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:10 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
Adams 4141 (Toledo P.D.; call transferred to Turnkey's office)

Myer: Clifton, is there anything doing?
Clifton: Not a thing, you got them all out.
Myer: O. K.

July 7, 1936 Incoming call at 7:50 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
Man calling: How about bringing those bottles of mine downstairs?
I will come over and get them. The Lieutenants want a drink.
Man answering: All right, come on over.

July 8, 1936 Outgoing call at 8:05 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
Adams 4141 (Toledo P.D., Turnkey's office)

Dave: Is there anything doing?
Turnkey: No.
Dave: When do you get off?
Turnkey: 10:40.
Dave: I'll be seeing you.

July 8, 1936 Outgoing call at 10:30 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P.D., Turnkey's office)

Man calling: Anything new?
Turnkey: No. We ain't took in a damn one, except a crazy one.
Man calling: O. K.

July 9, 1936 Outgoing call at 1:25 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Earl: This is Ike. Anything for me?
Turnkey: Not a thing.

July 11, 1936 Outgoing call at 2:15 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Ike: Ike talking. Anybody want me?
Turnkey: Not a thing only a couple of drunks.

July 11, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Ike: Ike talking. Got anybody?
Turnkey: Alex Patton - liquor. He is plastered.

July 11, 1936 Incoming call at 5:35 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Clyde Deed: This is Clyde Deed calling. A man by the name of Andrews was arrested by Officer Reese. Will you get the details and call me, Jefferson 2974?

Man answering: I will call you.

July 11, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:40 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
to Adams 4141 (Toledo P. D.,
Turnkey's office)

Man calling: Pittman, have you got a man by the name of Andrews?
Pittman: Yeah, his name is Andius. He was picked up by Reese and Stewens.

The turnkey who answers to the name of Pittman is believed to be Louie Pittman, Turnkey, City Jail.

July 11, 1936

Outgoing call at 5:45 P. M.
to Jefferson 2974.

Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling:

Clyde, Reese and Stevens picked up Andius, so
it must be in connection with an auto. They
are on the auto squad.

Clyde Deed:

See what you can do about getting him out?
Julius and I represented him once and got him
out of trouble. His father is all right. He
is a railroader and owns his own property. He
will do what he says he will.

July 11, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:20 P. M.
Adams 4141 (Police Department,
matron's office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling:

Is Wittenberg there?

Matron:

No.

Man calling:

Anything for us?

Matron:

No, there isn't.

July 13, 1936

Outgoing call at 4:15 P. M.
Adams 4141 (Police department,
Turnkey's office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Earl:

This is Ike. Is there anything for me?
We haven't even got anybody in jail. We are
going to close up.

July 13, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:35 P. M.
Adams 4141 (Police Department,
Turnkey's office)

Agent E. J. Dowd

Myer:

Is this you Pittman? Anything doing?

Pittman:

No, not a thing.

July 14, 1936 Outgoing call at 2:48 P. M. Agent H. R. Dill
 to Adams 4141 (Police Department,
 Turnkey's office)

Ike:
Turnkey: This is Ike. Anybody want me?
 Not so far, Ike.

July 14, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
 Adams 4141 (Police Department,
 Turnkey's office)

Ben Berenson:
Pittman: Hello Pittman. You looking for me?
 No, not until Thursday.

July 14, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:02 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
 Adams 4141 (Police Department,
 Turnkey's office)

Myer:
Turnkey: This is Myer. Did anyone call me from there?
 My phone rang but I couldn't get to it in time.
 Nothing doing at all.

July 15, 1936 Incoming call at 7:30 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling:
Ike:
Speed:
Ike: Is Dave there? This is Speed at the County Jail.
 No, he is not. Is there anything I can do?
 This is Ike.
 I just got a good case for you.
 I will be right over just as soon as some one
 comes in to relieve me.

"Speed" referred to in this conversation is no doubt
Malcolm M. Gardner, known as Speed Gardner.

July 16, 1936 Outgoing call at 2:16 P. M. Agent E. B. Dill
 to Adams 4141 (Toledo Police
 Dept., Turnkey's office)

Ike:
Turnkey: This is Ike. Anybody looking for me?
 No.

July 16, 1936 Incoming call at 5:55 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man calling: This is the turnkey. We have a man here on
a D. D. charge.
I'll be right over.

July 16, 1936 Incoming call at 7:10 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man calling: Say, Myer, they just picked up a man by the
name of Morris Carlski. How about finding out
about him?
Myer: O. K. What's your name, I'll call you back?
Man calling: My number is Main 3542.

July 16, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:12 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Toledo Police Department,
Turnkey's office)

Man calling: Have you got a man by the name of Morris
or Martin Carlski?
Turnkey: Yes, he's here on assault and battery.
Man calling: Tell him I will be right over to get him out.
Turnkey: O. K.

July 16, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:15 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
Main 3542

Myer: Don, he is in on assault and battery. I will
go over and get him right out. Can you come
down to the office?
Don: OK, I'll be right down. How long to get him
out?
Myer: About five minutes.

July 16, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:50 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Toledo Police Dept., Women's
Bureau)

Myer: Mrs. Mack, anybody looking for me?
Mrs. Mack: No.
Myer: Did you have a woman in there for petit larceny?
Mrs. Mack: Yes, but the judge let her out.

July 16, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:53 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
to Adams 4141 (Police Dept.)

Myer: This is Myer. Is anyone looking for me?
Turnkey: No, Muz, got them all out.

July 17, 1936 Incoming call at 4:49 P. M. Agent R. A. Guerin

Man calling: This is the turnkey. There is a fellow here
named Willie Hayes in for D. D. and resisting
an officer. His folks are here and the judge
has set a \$500 bill. He wants to talk to you.
I'll be right over.
Thanks.

July 18, 1936 Outgoing call at 1:20 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
Adams 4141 (Police Dept.,
Turnkey's office)

Ben Berenson: Have you got a Malner for being drunk. His
union called me up and asked me to get him out
but they would put up no money. Has he any
money on him, Tom?
Tom: No, he ain't got a penny.

July 18, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:28 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
Adams 4141 (Police Dept.,
Turnkey's office)

Ben Berenson: Canfield, this is Benny.
Turnkey: So far there is nothing.

July 18, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:18 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
Adams 4141 (Police Dept.,

Man calling: Anything new?
Turnkey: No, just a drink and a train rider.
Man: O. K. kid.

July 18, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:40 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Toledo P. D., Turnkey's office)

Man: Anything doing?
Turnkey: No, there ain't nothing doing.

July 20, 1936 Outgoing call at 1:59 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's office)

Earl: This is Ike, Hank. Anybody want us?
Hank: There is nothing doing, Ike.

It is believed that Hank referred to is Henry Swank,
Turnkey at the City Jail.

July 20, 1936 Incoming call at 8:30 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Louie, this is Dave talking. Say that coon they
picked up for the LaTabernilla holdup, is a good
nigger. He had a couple of hundred bucks just the
other day. You might go over there and see what
you can get out of him. You might get a chance
to make a couple of bucks and that is what you
are in business for. I don't know his name, but
they call him "Stagger" Martin. Find out what he
has got and get what you can.
All right.

July 20, 1936 Incoming call at 8:35 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill

Man: This is the turnkey. Dave is here and said he
would be here for about 20 minutes. He told me to
tell you.

Man: Thanks.

July 21, 1936

Outgoing call at 6:31 P. M.
(Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's
Office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Casmir, did they bring those people back yet?
Turnkey: No.
Man: Anybody looking for me?
Turnkey: No, just had one in today. A. & B. He made his
own bond. You know that one they had on \$5,000
bond; they dismissed the charge.
Man: I thought so. It was just a family quarrel.

The person referred to as Casmir is thought to be Casimir
Wawrzyniak, a turnkey at the city jail.

July 22, 1936

Outgoing call at 7:07 P. M.
(Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's
Office)

Agent M. J. Dowd

Man: Turnkey, please.
Turnkey: Hello, who is this?
Man: This is Dan, is there anything for me?
Turnkey: No, nothing today.

July 23, 1936

Outgoing call at 2:35 P. M.
(Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's
Office)

Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: Not a thing.

July 23, 1936

Outgoing call at 4:35 P. M.
(Toledo Police Dept., Turnkey's
Office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Ben Berenson: Casmir, this is Benny. Did that guy get out yet?
Turnkey: Yeah.

July 24, 1936

Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M.
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Agent H. B. Dill

Man: Do you want me?

You had better call in about 10 minutes.

July 24, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:30 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Police Dept., Turnkey's office)

Ben Berenson: Got anything?
Turnkey: Yeah. Arthur Wilker, 3165 Knright for indecent exposure
and soliciting for the purpose of prostitution. Two
warrants.
Berenson: O. K.

July 24, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:10 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Is anybody looking for me?
Turnkey: Who is this?
Man: This is Morris.
Turnkey: No, not yet, call in about ten minutes.
Morris: All right.

July 24, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:20 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: What is it?
Turnkey: Call back in about fifteen minutes.
Man: I may come over.

July 24, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:39 P. M. Agent H. B. Dill
(Police Dept., Turnkey's office)

Dave: Did anyone call for me?
Turnkey: What-you-call-it has come back to talk to them.
He will call you from there in a few minutes.

July 25, 1936 Incoming call at 2:06 P. M. Agent R. A. Guarin

Man calling: There is a fellow over here named Joe Kenton, who is being held for material witness and his family wants to get him out.

Man: Thanks, Andy, I'll be right over.

It is thought that this call was placed to the Wittenbergs by some Turnkey at the jail.

July 25, 1936 Incoming call at 7:05 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Turnkey: We have a man here by the name of Will W. Kinard. He is an engineer. Plenty of money. Makes \$50 or \$60 per week. He wants to make bond.

Man: I'll be right over to see him.

July 25, 1936 Outgoing at 7:30 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Say, Turnkey, what was that Kinard's first name?

Turnkey: Will Kinard.

Man: O. K.

July 27, 1936 Outgoing at 3:27 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Turnkey, what is the charge on Jim Curry?

Turnkey: Suspicion.

Man: Any other call for me, Cap.?

Turnkey: No, nothing.

July 27, 1936 Outgoing at 5:40 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Man: Any one listening?

Turnkey: I had better call you later.

Man: O. K.

July 29, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:05 P. M. Agent R. C. Suran
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Ben Berenson: Is anything doing?
Turnkey: Nothing, Ben.

July 29, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:05 P. M. Agent J. V. Murphy
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

One of the Wittenbergs: Anything new?
Turnkey: We have a drunk name is Carl Chumuhl and he is pretty drunk, but he will want bond.
Wittenberg: I will have somebody come up there about 6 P. M.

July 30, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:40 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: No, not just now. We did have a drunken sailor, but sent him to the hospital. His name is Henry Settin, Lincoln Park, Mich.
Man: O. K.

July 30, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:15 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: Say, come over about six o'clock. That man Henry Settin wants to see you about getting out. He is here on a D. D. charge.
Man: O. K.

July 31, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:30 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Ben Berenson: What have you got for me?
Turnkey: A colored fellow named Sam Woody from Toledo
Ben: O. K.

July 31, 1936 Incoming call at 4:25 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman calling: This is the matron at police headquarters. Just took in Alice Grove - visiting and soliciting. Will you take care of it, Dave? She is from up on Erie Street. O. K. I will come right over and get her out.

July 31, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:30 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Anything for me?
Turnkey: No, not a thing.

July 31, 1936 Incoming call at 7:45 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Woman: This is matron. We have Nellie Allen here for D. D.
Man: Thanks very much, I'll be right over.

August 1, 1936 Outgoing call at 1:52 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Dave: Say, Joe, there is a fellow named Anderson there. We just got a call that the squad was bringing him in.
Joe: He did not get here yet. I will call you just as soon as he arrives.

The Joe mentioned is no doubt Joe Rickard, city jailer.

August 1, 1936 Outgoing call at 2:10 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Dave: Anything for me?
Turnkey: Not yet.
Dave: Did they place any charges against those two fellows who were arrested about 1:30 this morning for impersonating an officer?
Turnkey: They are still here on suspicion.
Dave: Did anyone else have a chance to talk to them?
Turnkey: No, not that I know of.

August 1, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:50 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)
Man: Anything for me Fred:
Fred: No, nothing.
Man: What's the time up there?
Fred: It's just 3:50.

It is believed that Fred mentioned is Fred Sideman, Turnkey at the jail.

August 4, 1936 Outgoing call at 1:20 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)
Myer: Anyone looking for me?
Turnkey: No, nothing at all.

August 4, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:13 P. M. Agent R. A. Guerin
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)
Ike: Fred, anybody there for me?
Fred: No, Ike, not yet.

As previously indicated it is believed that Fred mentioned is Fred Sideman, Turnkey, city jail.

August 4, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:52 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Women's Bureau)
Ike: Is there anything for me?
Matron: No, not right now.

August 4, 1936 Outgoing call at 5:14 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)
Man: Mack, this is Myer, anyone looking for me?
Turnkey: No, not yet.

August 4, 1936 Outgoing call at 7:03 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Fred, is there anything new?
Fred: No, nothing for you. We just got a bunch
of train riders in.
Man: O. K.

August 5, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:26 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Have you got a man named Charles Wells there
for D. D.? His friend is here.
Turnkey: He just came in. He is in no shape to go out now.
It will be at least two hours.
Man: Has he got anything on him to go out?
Turnkey: Yes, he has enough.

August 5, 1936 Incoming call at 6:23 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Turnkey calling: I've got a fellow here who is going to put up
a \$500 bond. I am getting him ready to go out.
Man: What's his name?
Turnkey: Never mind his name come right over.
Man: O. K.

August 6, 1936 Incoming call at 4:16 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd

Women's Bureau: We have Agnes Crosby for petit larceny from
the stores.
Man: We will take care of her.

August 6, 1936 Outgoing call at 6:37 P. M. Agent E. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Man: Fred, this is Benny. Is there anything new
for me?
Fred: No, not a thing.

Benny is no doubt Benny Berenson, and Fred is thought to be
Fred Sideman, Turnkey, city jail.

August 7, 1936 Outgoing call at 12:53 P. M. Agent M. J. Dowd
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Myer: Anything there for me?
Turnkey: Not a thing.

August 7, 1936 Outgoing call at 4:23 P. M. Agent M. J. Kavanaugh
(Police Dept., Turnkey's Office)

Myer: Anybody asking for me?
Turnkey: No, nothing.

ACTIVITIES WITH REFERENCE TO FIXING WARRANTS
WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, AND ALSO
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND ABILITY TO SECURE
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITH REFERENCE TO
WARRANTS.

July 9, 1936, 5:25 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling in: Earl, this is Bill Ryan; the police
just picked up a good friend of mine;
he gave the name of James Taylor;
get him out on bond - call me at Main 1980.

Earl Wittenberg: I will let you know after I know what
the charge is.

This call was overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

The telephone number Main 1980 is listed in the name
of Mrs. Sally Buckley, 321 Jefferson Ave., Toledo.

July 9, 1936, 5:26 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 4141, Police Department;
call placed through to Turnkey's office:

Earl Wittenberg: Earl Wittenberg calling; do you have a
James Taylor and if so, on what charge?

Turnkey: Yes - he is held here on suspicion.

Earl Wittenberg: Who are the officers?

Turnkey: Langendorf, Manson, Eggleman and Fielding.

Earl Wittenberg: Uh - O.K.

The above call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

July 9, 1936, 5:28 P.M., outgoing call to Main 1980:

Earl Wittenberg: Say Bill, that guy is being held on suspicion - we can not do anything until there is some charge against him.

Bill: Can't you get in touch with the officers and arrange that he gets out on bond?

Earl Wittenberg: All right - I will try and get the charge changed and call you.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

July 9, 1936, 6 P.M., incoming call:

Bill Ryan: What did you do about getting that fellow out (talking with Meyer Wittenberg).

Meyer Wittenberg: I just came from the Safety Building and talked to the officers - they said the man beat a hotel bill at Akron and that they are now waiting for a release.

Bill: I already sent the money - they got the wrong man but don't tell them anything about it.

Meyer Wittenberg: The officers know that the money was sent and just as soon as the Chief of Police at Akron notifies them to release the man, he will be turned out.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

July 10, 1936, 12:15 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Who is this?

Man answering: Benny (Benny Berenson)

Man calling: This is Bill Ryan - what did you do about getting that fellow Taylor out?

Benny Berenson: I understand the cops from Akron are coming to get him on a warrant.

Bill: This is a bum rap - the warrant is out for a man named Clabby; anyway the bill is paid and I don't see how they can prosecute Taylor.

Ben Berenson: Sorry we can not do anything - it is now up to Taylor to prove he is not the man, but if the hotel accepted the money, they can not prosecute him.

The above call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

July 13, 1936, - 3:05 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Benny - this is Billy - is there a warrant for Billee Burns?

Ben Berenson: No - do you know where she is?

Bill: Yea.

Ben Berenson: You might as well bring her in.

Bill: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H. B. Dill.

July 21, 1936 - 6:20 P.M.

Man calling: Say, Sammy Reinsteine got caught in Maumee (a suburb of Toledo, Ohio,) the other day - he was going 56 and the speed limit is 50; officers Sheppard and VanRenssaler got him. Can you fix it? He is supposed to appear at 7:30 tonight; he was driving an Oldsmobile car.

Man answering: Tell him to forget about it - I will fix it - I will call Jim Highland.

The above call overheard by Special Agent H. B. Dill.

July 21, 1936 - 6:30 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 9121,
(telephone listed to Prescott Quality Market, 2132 Ashland):

Man calling: Sam, I straightened it out for you - I saved you a "sawbuck".

Sam: O.K. - I will take you to the Chinks tomorrow night - I will meet you at 6 o'clock.

Dave Wittenberg: All right.

Above call overheard by Special Agent H. B. Dill.

July 27, 1936 - 11:58 A.M. outgoing call to Adams 4244 -
(Sheriff's office in Court House):

Man calling: Hello Mick - say, will you look up a warrant for a fellow named Reinstein, which was returnable on the 25th. His address is 1905 Wynover (phonetic) Drive, and mark it "No service".

Mick: All right Davey but if there is a bench warrant issued, I do not see how I can do very much.

Dave Wittenberg: Oh that is just a bluff, isn't it?

Mick: No - the Mayor is now on the muscle and they are beginning to look after these things, however, I will see what I can do and call you.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

The person referred to as Mick is no doubt Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin, whose nickname is Mickey Gavin. He is an office deputy at the Court House office of Sheriff James O'Reilly of Lucas County, Ohio.

July 27, 1936 - 2:17 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 4244 (Sheriff's office in Court House):

Dave Wittenberg: Dave Wittenberg calling - hello Mickey - call Reinstein on that Reader.

Mickey: Davey, in my absence one of the Keys called him up. It does not matter because it is a State warrant and it would follow him all over anyway - you ought to let us know about these things before hand - see Bill about it and we will hold it.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent D.P.Sullivan.

The person referred to as Davey is Dave Wittenberg.
The person referred to as Mickey is Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin.

The person referred to as Bill is no doubt Bill Lewand, a Deputy Sheriff.

July 27, 1936 - 3 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 5111 (Lucas County Jail):

Dave Wittenberg: Dave Wittenberg calling; Steve (possibly Speed) this is Dave - is the honorable Bill O'Mann (Bill Lewand) there?

Speed: No he is not.

Dave Wittenberg: I want to get him pretty bad - there is a warrant out that was sent over here for a man named Reinstein - I want to have it taken care of.

Speed: O.K. I just got it in my hand right now - nothing to worry about - if you do not get ahold of Bill, I will take good care of you.

Dave Wittenberg: Thanks.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

The person referred to as Bill O'Wann, as indicated, is no doubt Bill Lewand - it was rather difficult to get his name correctly in early conversations, however, subsequently on this tap his name was straightened out.

The person referred to as Steve or Speed is Deputy Sheriff Malcolm M. Gardner, whose nickname is Speed, and who is employed as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff James J. O'Reilly and whose principal work consists in handling complaints.

July 27, 1936 - 3:01 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 9121 (Prescott Quality Market, 2132 Ashland):

Dave Wittenberg: Sam, this is Dave - I think I got that warrant all fixed; I just was talking to the man who has it in his hands and he told me there is nothing to worry about; I think everything will be O.K. and I will see you about 7 tonight as I want to call someone else - get me?

Sam: O.K. .

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

July 27, 1936 - 4:14 P.M. outgoing call to Sheriff's office in Court House:

Man calling: Mick - this is Irving; say, about that warrant you are holding, what do you say?

Micky Gavin: Tell him to keep away from here for a few days; the town already is too hot.

Irving: You mean he should not go near the store at all Micky?

Micky Gavin: Yes - it would be better.

Irving: All right - I will tell him not even to go near Maumee and to go over into Michigan.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

July 27, 1936 - 4:40 P.M., incoming call:

Man calling: Hello Benny, this is Bill O'Nann (Bill Lewand Deputy Sheriff). Is Dave or Ike there? I got ahold of that warrant.

Ben Berenson: Hold the wire, Dave is right here.

Bill Lewand: Say, I got ahold of that State warrant for Sammy Reinstein - I have it right here now; I went to the officers who made the pinch, Van Renssaler and Sheppard, and they told me that the case was in Connell's Court; I saw Connell and he told me "This is a court of justice and not a court of fix" so I could not do anything with him, but I saw Jim Holland in the Mayor's office. He told me that the Mayor in this case, where the fellow is charged with stealing, will not do a thing, but you just let me handle this for a couple days longer and I think I can fix it O.K.

Dave Wittenberg: Bill, tell them that Sam went to Michigan for hay fever and stall it off as long as possible until you are able to fix it up.

Bill Lewand: O.K. kid - I never failed yet.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

July 27, 1936 - 7:35 P.M. outgoing call to Pontiac 164-W (This 'phone is listed in the name of Fred Osterman, 413 Columbus St., Toledo): Bill Osterman is a one armed Deputy City Clerk, who handles warrants in the City Clerk's office.

Man calling: Is Bill Osterman there? Bill this is Maurice. Johnny Andrews is here; he says he will have a carton of cigarettes here for you.

Bill: That is fine; I am out; I want to see you tomorrow anyway about Kitty.

Maurice: Something bad?

Bill: No; I will see you tomorrow.

This conversation overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin.

As indicated, Osterman is a Deputy City Clerk, who handles warrants. It is believed that the Kitty referred to in the conversation is Kitty Diamond, a notorious madam of a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio.

July 31, 1936 - 12:01 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 4141, Police Department, the call being routed to the City Clerk's Office:

Ben Berenson: Say Ben, this is Benny Berenson; will you see if you have a warrant there for Morris Davis.

Ben, the clerk: No, I do not see anything - you might call me later.

Ben Berenson: O.K. I will do that.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J. Dowd.

July 31, 1936 - 2:32 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 4214:

Man calling: Is Morris there?

Woman answering: Yes, hold the line please.

Morris: Hello.

Man calling: Say, Ramey wants you to meet him at the Y.

Morris: Is court out?

Man calling: Yes.

Morris: He can not do me any good at the Y - he was supposed to meet me at the station.

Man calling: I do not know anything about that - you will have to talk to him.

Morris: I guess he can give me a note.

Man calling: I do not know.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.J.Cavanaugh.

The Ramey mentioned in the conversation is Judge Homer Ramey, one of the Judges of the Municipal Court.

July 31, 1936 - 3:50 P.M. - incoming call:

Man calling in: Is Dave there Benny?

Ben Berenson: No but I expect him back shortly.

Man calling: Tell him to call Micky at the County Jail - it is important.

Ben Berenson: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

The Micky mentioned in the conversation is Deputy Sheriff Herbert G. Gavin.

July 31, 1936 - 3:55 P.M. - outgoing call to Sheriff's office in Court House:

Dave Wittenberg: Mickey, what is on your mind?

Mickey: I am interested in Anna Todd, Sunset Blvd.; she comes up in court tomorrow morning.

Dave Wittenberg: Gee, that is before O'Connell - he is tough; Tell you what you do; call him on the 'phone right away, Adams 4141, and tell him who you are and that Jim O'Reilly is personally interested, and I know you will get action.

Mickey: O.K. I will call him.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

July 31, 1936 - 4:05 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Mickey Gavin calling - say Dave, I tried to get Judge O'Connell on the 'phone but no one answers.

Dave Wittenberg: I just left him in his office; he must have left there with Garvin; I will see him in the morning and let you know how I come out.

Mickey: I am all right with him; tell him Mickey in the Sheriff's office is interested.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

August 3, 1936 - 12:35 P.M. incoming call:

Woman calling in: Dave, they are out here with a warrant for Kate again; the policeman just left here; isn't there any way of fixing this up?

Dave Wittenberg: Christ no; Frank O'Connell is on the bench and there is no way of fixing anything with him; I will have to see Bill Osterman tonight.

Woman: How is it you always fixed it up for Kate before?

Dave Wittenberg: I told you Judge O'Connell is on the bench this week and there is no way of putting a "fix" on with him; Kate will have to appear unless I can do something with Bill Osterman tonight.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

The Bill Osterman referred to in the above conversation is a one armed Deputy City Clerk, who handles warrants in the City Clerk's office in the Safety Building at Toledo.

August 3, 1936 - 4:35 P.M. incoming call:

Man calling: Is Ike Wittenberg there?

Man answering: No, he is gone for the day.

Man calling: Is Berenson there?

Man answering: No, he is also gone; this is Meyer Wittenberg talking; what can I do for you?

Man calling: Talk a little louder so I can recognize your voice before I talk to you.

Meyer Wittenberg: I know who this is - it's Oscar isn't it?

Oscar: That's right; I have an agreement with Ike that you are to bail out every one handling the green bottles and keep those in handling the flash bottles.

Meyer Wittenberg: How are we to know?

Oscar: You will have to make inquiry and you can get me by calling Monroe, Michigan, 7100 F 1 - that's my residence.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

August 6, 1936 - 7:03 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 7141, Police Dept., the call being routed to the Clerk's office:

Man calling: Is Bill Osterman there yet?

Man answering: Yes, he is here now.

Man calling: I will be right over.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

Bill Osterman, it is to be recalled, is a Deputy Clerk who handles warrants in the City Clerk's office.

CONNECTIONS WITH HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION:

July 10, 1936 - incoming call 5:45 P.M.

Woman calling: Is one of the Wittenbergs there?

Woman answering: No but Mr. Meyer is just across the street.

Woman calling: Tell him to get a girl from 45 Michigan Street out.

Woman answering: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

45 Michigan Street in Toledo is a known house of prostitution and this call undoubtedly refers to a prostitute who was arrested from that house.

July 10, 1936 - 5:48 P.M. incoming call:

Woman calling: Meyer - what's this about that second beef at 45 Michigan Street; some guy said he lost some money.

Meyer: Who is this?

Woman calling: This is Maxine.

Meyer: We just got a man by the name of Brown out.

Maxine: You find out about it and call me at Adams 3658.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

The Maxine referred to in the conversation is Maxine Belmont Thomas, the most notorious madame of houses of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio.

July 10, 1936 - 5:50 P.M. outgoing call to Adams 4141, Police Dept., connection placed through to Matron's office.

Meyer calling: Have you got a girl over there from 45 Michigan?

Matron: Yes, her name is Beatrice; they got her for petit larceny.

Meyer: Thanks.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

July 10, 1936 - 5:52 P.M. to Adams 3658:

Meyer Wittenberg: Maxine, she is in for petit larceny; do you want me to get her out.

Maxine: Sure and let me know what its all about; we do not know.

Meyer Wittenberg: All right; I will get her and let her talk to you from our office.

Maxine: O.K.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

July 10, 1936 - 6:05 P.M. - outgoing call to Adams 3658:

Meyer Wittenberg: Maxine, the bond was \$300.00; she's here; I will let you talk to her.

Girl: Hello.

Maxine: What's the matter?

Girl: I do not know; he must be crazy.

Meyer Wittenberg: The man is crazy; he will be in all night; you do not need to worry ; they have not got a case against her.

Maxine: What about two charges in one day?

Keyer Wittenberg: That's all right; they will not do anything.

Maxine: How much is the bond going to cost?

Meyer Wittenberg: You can see Ike about that tomorrow.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent H.B.Dill.

July 23, 1936 - 7:10 P.M. outgoing call to Main 5459 (dial recorder not functioning properly, therefore, this number is questionable):

Man calling: How do you feel?

Woman answering: Oh - so so - I do not think I am living right.

Man calling: What do you know?

Woman answering: Not a thing.

Man calling: Did you know the old landlady, Marie Harrington, is coming back to Toledo and operate; she bought the property.

Woman answering: Yes, I knew all about it and to hear Pauline, you would think she had everybody interested in her property; anyway she got rid of it.

Man calling: Yea and if I never see her again, it will not be too soon; I do not want to have anything to do with her.

Woman answering: Marie sure got ahold of a fine class; I guess she stands in well.

Man calling: Yea - she always did. What did you do last night?

Woman: Oh, I got up at 1:30 this morning and went back to bed at 3.

Man calling: What were you doing?

Woman answering: I was busy - what do you think?

Man calling: I would like to see you; I will call you up tomorrow.

Woman: O.K.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd, and the voice of the man calling sounded like the voice of Ben Berenson. The Pauline mentioned is Pauline Neinstein, who sold the Riverside Hotel, a house of prostitution, to Marie Harrington.

July 23, 1936 - 7:30 P.M. incoming call:

Woman calling: Is Benny B there?

Man answering: Yes, how are you Kitty?

Kitty: I am so disgusted; I want to see you tomorrow evening; that party wants a bottle (They carry on a long Jewish conversation).

Ben Berenson: I will see you tomorrow evening and you can have it then.

Kitty: Yes, do not come in the afternoon. (Another long conversation in Jewish).

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E.J.Dowd.

The person mentioned in the conversation as Kitty is no doubt Kitty Diamond, the madam of one of the largest houses of prostitution in the city of Toledo.

SLOT AND PINBALL MACHINES - CORRUPTION (Fretti Tap)

On August 17, 1936, a telephone tap was established on telephone MAIN 5412, which is the telephone of the Star Vending Company and the Amusement Game and Novelty Company, firms which are operated by Joe and Ben Fretti, at 514 North Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. This tap was continued until September 24, 1936, and was maintained by Special Agent E. J. Dowd except during the period when he was relieved for lunch by other agents. Conversations overheard on this telephone tap show the corrupt alliance existing between the criminal element in Toledo, Ohio and the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department. Further information was obtained indicating that Joe and Ben Fretti practically control the pinball business in the city of Toledo; that they are closely allied with numerous police officers.

This tap established that

- 1) Pinball machines pay off in money and slugs which are redeemed in money or merchandise are openly operated.
- 2) After the passing of a local ordinance compelling the licensing of each pinball or slot machine device considered to be an amusement device and not a gambling machine, pinball machines and slot machines continued to operate openly in Toledo, Ohio, these machines paying off in cash and slugs.
- 3) Ben and Joe Fretti are the apparent heads of a local syndicate at Toledo, Ohio, controlling the pinball business in that city.
- 4) Joe and Ben Fretti are allied with various police officers and their interests are protected by such officers. Evidence of collusion and condonation of law violations are shown as follows:
 - a) Meetings of Joe Fretti and Sergeant Knudel at Knudel's home for the purpose of Knudel conveying to Fretti official orders issued to the police concerning pinball machines.
 - b) Various meetings of Joe Fretti with Sergeant Knudel and other police officers of the Toledo Police Department under suspicious circumstances.

- c) Definite information indicating that police officers of the Toledo Police Department make efforts to foster the interests of Joe and Ben Fretti in their operation of pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio, and and advocate actions that might be even in violation of law. Knowledge by Joe and Ben Fretti of proposed police activities before such intended action is taken.
- d) Indications that violations of law concerning the operation of pinball machines are fixed in court.
- e) Checking on the activities of investigating police officers and threatening police officers who might be investigating pinball machines operated by Joe and Ben Fretti. Use of the local police at Toledo, Ohio, to aid in stamping out operators of competing pinball machines. Racketeering methods used in coercing individuals to use Regal beer distributed by Joe and Ben Fretti.

On or about June 1, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy interviewed Benjamin Fretti, who stated that he and his brother, Joseph Fretti, reside at 3252 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; that he and his brother, Joseph, are associated with Ben Harris as partners in the slot and pinball machines in Toledo, Ohio, under the trade names of the Amusement Games and Novelty Company and the Star Vending Company; that their business is confined to the city of Toledo, Ohio, there being a gentlemen's agreement not to operate in Lucas County, Ohio, outside of the city of Toledo; that in the city of Toledo he and his associates mentioned have twenty-four race horse machines, 108 one-ball pin machines, 125 ten-ball machines; that the race horse and one-ball machines pay rewards in tokens which are exchanged by the proprietors of places where these machines are located in cash; that the ten-ball machines are for amusement purposes only; that during the past six months from 20 to 30 machines have been confiscated by the police; that when the machines were confiscated the proprietors of the places where the machines were located were arrested and that he and his brother, Joseph, paid the fines in connection therewith. Ben Fretti further stated that neither he nor his brother, Joe, has ever been arrested in connection with slot machines; that he and his partners and other pinball machine operators meet one or more times a month to discuss conditions in their business and to promote and iron out any difficulties that might exist; that when necessary they raise money to promote and protect their business,

and named the following operators of slot machines in Toledo, Ohio:

Louis House, 405 Platte Street	100 pinball machines in Toledo;
Al Fetzer, 318 18th Street	70
National Coin Machine Co., operated by Carl Cooper and Mike Jamison, Tryone Lake, Toledo	48
Merle Fike, office of O'Rourke Mtr. Sales Co., Toledo	35
Donald Feake, Eastern Ave., Toledo	35 one and ten pinball machines
LaPlante, 318 18th St., Toledo	35 one pinball machines;
Roy Kerr, Street address unknown, Toledo, operates victrola machines	8 one pinball machines
Sam Lupica, Bishop St., Toledo	16 pinball machines
Fred Neal, same office as Fretti Bros., Toledo	25 pinball machines

Ben Fretti further stated all pinball machines are operated on a fifty-fifty bases with the proprietors where the machines are located; that the collector when he removes the proceeds makes the count in front of the proprietor or his representative and divides on a fifty-fifty basis and renders a collection receipt signed by both the proprietor and the collector. Ben Fretti stated that he realized that at the time of this interview he was engaged in an illegal business and mentioned that for a number of years he has dabbled in politics in Toledo; that he controls about fifteen hundred votes and from time to time makes contributions to both the Democratic and Republican parties.

That pinball machines operate openly in Toledo, Ohio, is verified by an investigation conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy on June 10, 1936, at the Waldorf Hotel cigar stand. At this place Agent Murphy played all four of the pinball machines operated in the lobby of this hotel and received tokens from these machines which were turned in at the cigar stand, for which he received 50¢. The four machines played by Agent Murphy consisted of one race horse machine called "Paces Races" and three pinball (one-ball) machines. Each of the four machines played by Agent Murphy is a 5¢ machine.

Mr. K. V. Dixson, proprietor of the Waldorf cigar stand, when interviewed, stated that the Paces Races machine was installed by the Amusement Games and Novelty Company; that the "digger" machine was also installed by the Amusement Games and Novelty Company; that the "bally" pinball machine was instituted by Al Fetzer, 2116 Sherwood Avenue; that the multiple pinball machine was installed by the National Coin Machine Company, 2137 Tyron Lake; that all of these machines are operated on a fifty-fifty basis; that the machines pay rewards in the form of tokens, for which he exchanges cash at the rate of 5¢ per token.

Mr. Dixson further stated that when the collector makes collections from these machines a duplicate collection slip is furnished him and he exhibited to the investigating agents a number of these duplicate collection slips which indicate that he receives an average of between fifteen and twenty dollars per day from the operation of these machines.

Investigation also conducted on the above date by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy at the Corbett Drug Store located in the Hillcrest Hotel resulted in the location of three pinball machines in operation at that drug store; that the machines were played several times by Agent Murphy and eight tokens were paid by the machines which tokens were exchanged for nickels.

Mr. M. D. Lindau, Manager of the Corbett Drug Store, Hillcrest Hotel, when interviewed, stated that two pinball machines were put in by Al Fetzer and the other machine by the Amusement Games and Novelty Company; that all the machines are operated on a fifty-fifty basis. Mr. Lindau exhibited his records which indicate that the drug store revenue from these machines runs about ninety dollars a week, and he admitted that the reward tokens paid by the machines are cashed by the drug store.

In the case of the pinball machines located in both the Waldorf Hotel lobby and the Corbett Drug Store in the Hillcrest Hotel no effort is made to conceal these machines, and both Messrs. Lindau and Dixson stated that occasionally uniformed police officers come into their places of business but pay no attention to the display or operation of these pinball machines, even tho at the date of this investigation such operation of pinball machines was illegal in the city of Toledo.

Mr. William Foulos when interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran on August 23, 1936, at the Penny Arcade, Jim's Place, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, stated that at the time of that interview his wife had eighteen one-ball pinball machines operating in the city of Toledo, which were operated on the "sneak".

On July 6, 1936, a municipal ordinance was passed in the city of Toledo, which compelled the licensing of amusement devices operated by inserting coins or slugs. The ordinances, pertinent parts of which will be quoted hereafter, prohibited the licensing of any gambling devices.

Ordinance #186-36 was passed on July 6, 1936, to take effect thirty days later. Pertinent portions of this ordinance are quoted hereinafter, the purpose being set out as follows:

"to license and regulate mechanical amusement devices and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof...."

Section 1. "A mechanical amusement device is hereby defined as a machine which, upon the insertion of a coin or slug, operates, or may be operated, for use as a game, contest or amusement of any description, or which may be used for any such game, contest or amusement, and which contains no automatic pay-off device for the return of slugs, money, coins, checks, tokens or merchandise, or which provides for no such pay-off by any other means or manner.

Section 2. "No person, firm or corporation shall exhibit a mechanical amusement device, as hereinbefore defined, without first obtaining a license therefor from the Commissioner of Treasury. Such license shall be issued after application to the Commissioner of Treasury, and such license and application shall be in such form as he may require. No license to operate any amusement device shall be granted until the Director of Public Safety has approved the application, after having satisfied himself that such a device is not a gambling device, or will not be used for gambling....."

Section 4. "No person, firm or corporation by himself or another, or otherwise, shall give any prize, award, merchandise, gift or anything of value to any player or to any operator of such mechanical amusement device, or to any contestant for a high score made on said device."

Section 6. "No person, firm, or corporation shall operate any mechanical amusement device, nor shall a license be issued therefor, which is so constructed that the same may be converted into an automatic pay-off device, which will discharge coins, slugs, checks, or other takens to the operator or player of such device.

Section 7. "Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both, and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

A amending ordinance was passed by the Council at Toledo, Ohio, on August 3, 1936. This ordinance is #234-36 and amends Section 7 of Ordinance No. 186-36 quoted above, reading as follows:

Section 7. "Any person violating any provision of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) and each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense, and upon such conviction the Chief of Police may revoke any license."

Section 3. "That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and welfare, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The telephone tap maintained on the telephone of The Amusement Games and Novelty Company operated by Joe and Ben Fretti resulted in obtaining information concerning corruption on the part of police officers attached to the Toledo Police Department.

The following conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 5:01 pm on August 20, 1936, the call being an incoming one, the person calling asking for Joe Fretti. The pertinent conversation is herewith quoted:

.....man calling: Say, Joe, I got a copy of the pick-up order with the vending attachment. I'M just about finished and going home.
Joe Fretti: What kind of an order is it?
Man calling: It's a regular issued order to the men. I can show it to you better than reading it over the telephone.
Joe Fretti: That's fine; I will be out to see you tonight; will you be home? What's your number out there?
Man calling: I'll be home all evening. My number is 1836.
Joe Fretti: I'll be seein' you.

Concerning this telephone call, it is to be noted that the address of Sergeant Clint Knudel is 1836 Fernwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. It is probable that the man speaking with Joe Fretti in the above-quoted conversation was Sgt. Clint Knudel.

Sergeant Knudel was interviewed at his residence: 1836 Fernwood Avenue, by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. P. Sullivan on September 1, 1936, and he stated that he is in charge of the Radio Department of the Toledo Police Department; that after the enactment of the municipal ordinance prohibiting pinball machines he was placed in charge of the licensing of such machines coming under the ordinance; that the ordinance required that the coin box which dispenses coins and the tube leading to it be removed before the license is granted to the owner of a machine; that any machine having a coin box or slot tube is operating illegally; that slot machines which pay off in coins or slugs are also illegal.

Sergeant Knudel here stated that shortly before this interview Joe Fretti complained to him about the great inconvenience

entailed in bringing bulky, heavy and mechanically delicate pinball machines to the Safety Building for inspection for licensing, and he asked Sergeant Knudel whether it would not be possible to have an officer inspect these machines where they were located; that Fretti stated to him, Knudel, at that time that if such could be done "I will make it worth your while".

Sergeant Knudel here stated that he broached this subject mentioned by Joe Fretti to the Chief of Police, Ray Allen; that Allen told him, Knudel, that it would be agreeable to him to have the machines inspected at their locations; that shortly after this conversation with Joe Fretti he, Knudel, went on a vacation. When asked what benefits he had obtained from Joe Fretti as a result of carrying out the proposition made by Joe Fretti Knudel stated that he had not obtained anything; that during his, Knudel's, absence from the Toledo Police Department William Lucas, a patrolman assigned to the License Bureau, took his place in handling the licensing of pinball machines.

Knudel also stated that he did believe that the Fretti brothers obtained confidential information on prospective activities of the police department concerning slot and pinball machines, because when a complaint was received and officers answered the complaint, they would find on many occasions that the machines had been removed prior to their visit; that on August 21, 1936, the date that he went on his vacation, there were 608 machines licensed, of which 465 belonged to the Fretti brothers.

Altho pinball machines are operating openly in various places in Toledo, Ohio, no apparent effort is made to either confiscate these machines or to prosecute the operators thereof. This fact was mentioned to Sergeant Knudel on the morning of September 1, 1936, when he was interviewed, specific mention being made of the pinball machines paying off in cash at the Corbett Drug Store located in the Hillcrest Hotel.

It is interesting to note the following conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd on the Fretti tap at 3:30 pm September 1, 1936 (a few hours after agents interviewed Sergeant Clint Knudel):

Man calling: Say, Joe, the law is over at the Hillcrest (Hotel Hillcrest); are you coming up?
Joe Fretti: You don't know who it is, do you?
Man calling: No, I don't; you had better come over.
Joe Fretti: Right away.

The following conversation indicates that Sergeant Clint Knudel carried out the proposition broached to him by Joe Fretti, wherein Fretti suggested that Knudel arrange with Chief of Police Ray Allen for the inspection of pinball machines in the places where they were located rather than to have such machines taken to the Safety Building for inspection. This conversation was overheard by Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:27 am on August 22, 1936, on the telephone tap maintained on the telephone of Joe and Ben Fretti, the call being an incoming one:

The man calling states that his name is Lucas (undoubtedly, Officer Wm. Lucas), who talks to Joe Fretti and tells him that if he, Joe Fretti, has his machines in the back of his place ready to send out, that he, Lucas, will be glad to go over to Fretti's place and put the tags on them.

Joe Fretti: What time do you get off today, Bill?
Lucas: I quit at 3 o'clock today and next week will be working over with the License Bureau from noon to four.
Joe Fretti: Well, Bill, we're going to quit here today at about 2, but I will get in touch with you Monday or you can call me.
Lucas: O.K.

Numerous conversations were overheard on the Fretti tap indicating that police officers, especially Sergeant Clint Knudel and Officer William Lucas, frequently had meetings with Joe Fretti; that Sergeant Knudel and Officer Lucas did approach Chief Ray Allen in an effort to convince him not to bother pinball machines operating within 400' of schools in violation of law. In this connection the following conversation is noted: at 3:26 pm on September 9, 1936, Special Agent E. J. Dowd overheard the following incoming call:

Man calling: How does it look on themachines, Joe?
Joe Fretti Leave them rest until tomorrow morning; Sergeant Knudel and Lucas are going in to see the Chief this afternoon and try to persuade him not to bother the machines that are in saloons regardless of whether they are within 400' of a school, as children are not allowed in these places anyway.
I think we'll come out alright.
Man calling: Alright then, we won't remove the machines till we hear from you.

In view of the above conversation the following is quoted from Regulations 32 and 32-a, dated February 14, 1935, of the Department of Liquor Control, State of Ohio:

32. "Conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction of any holder or holders of permits issued by the Department of Liquor Control, of keeping, exhibiting for gain or operating a gambling device in violation of the laws of the State of Ohio shall be ground for revocation of any such permit."
- 32-a. "No person authorized to sell beer, intoxicating liquors or ale in the State of Ohio shall have, harbor, keep, exhibit, possess or employ or allow to be kept, exhibited or used in, upon or about the premises of the permit holder any device, machine or appurtenances which may or can be used for gaming or wagering."

The following conversations show the close association of Officer William Lucas with Joe Fretti (at 9:55 A. M. on August 20, 1936, this conversation, an incoming call, was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd):

- Man calling: Let me talk to Joe Fretti, please.
Girl answering: Hold the wire; I will connect you.
Man calling: This is Luces; come over to the Radio (Radio Barn, of the Toledo P.D.)
Joe Fretti: O.K. Bill, I'll be right over.

In the following conversation Officer Lucas expresses his regrets in being unable to license certain pinball machines operated by Joe Fretti:

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 5:55 P. M. on August 24, 1936:

- Man calling: Joe this is Lucas. I am sorry to say they would not O.K. the machines that you sent over.
Joe Fretti: When are you going home; I want to see you?
Lucas: I am ready to leave right now.
Joe Fretti: I am about to leave for home and will drive over; I want to see you; will be there in five minutes.

The following has reference to another meeting of Officer Lucas and Joe Fretti: incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:10 am on September 8, 1936:

Man calling: Is Joe there?
Ben Fretti: Hold the wire (Joe Fretti answers the phone)
Man calling: This is Lucas over at the Radio Barn. Can you come over right away? I got to go out.
Joe Fretti: I was looking for you Saturday; I guess you went home a little early.
Lucas: I was here until 3:45 pm
Joe Fretti: I am coming right over to see you, Bill; wait for me.

The following conversation indicates that Officer Lucas was unable to do anything concerning a pinball machine located within 400' of a school building.

Incoming call was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin who was relieving Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 1:09 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, that fine and cost straightens out three ways, won't it? Doc's here now.
Joe Fretti: I suppose so; what does Doc say about talking to Lucas for a new location.
(Doc goes on the telephone)
Doc: He said he couldn't do anything about it as it's within 400' of a school, and that's the ordinance.
It's out of his power.
Joe Fretti: Well, leave it up as it is.

From the statement made above by Joe Fretti it is apparent that even tho a machine is located within 400' of a school and it is known to be there by Officer Lucas, Joe Fretti, however, makes no effort to remove same.

In showing the close alliance of Joe and Ben Fretti with members of the Toledo Police Department, the following conversation is noted: (apparently the parties to the conversation are Joe Fretti and Officer Wm. J. Tripp). This incoming call at 3:55 pm on September 15, 1936, was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd:

Man calling: Ben? (Ben Fretti) This is Tripp; I'll meet you in exactly four minutes on the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets.
Ben Fretti: OK; I'll be right over.

After this conversation Special Agents E. J. Dowd and R. Guerin proceeded to the corner of Monroe and Ontario Streets, where they observed at four pm an old 4-door sedan, appearing to be an Overland bearing 1936 Ohio license 3844-C and occupied by two uniformed police officers. These men parked their car on the northwest corner and remained there about five minutes, meanwhile continuously looking toward the east as tho they were expecting someone. They thereafter turned their car around and drove east on Monroe Street to the intersection of Erie Street. At this point a stocky, swarthy individual proceeded west on Monroe Street on foot was seen. The officers signaled to this man, and he crossed the street. This man looked around suspiciously and made a pretense of looking in the window of a store and then casually walked over to the car and engaged in a conversation with the officers, lasting about thirty seconds only. Thereafter, the man walked east on Monroe Street and proceeded in the direction of 514 Monroe Street, the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti.

As the result of a check made at the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau information was obtained that Ohio 1936 license plates #3844-C were issued to William J. Tripp, 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio, for a 1929 Durant sedan, motor #11062. The Toledo City Directory lists William J. Tripp (Laura G.) as city policeman, residence given as 3844 Burton Street, Toledo, Ohio.

The following conversations indicate that Joe and Ben Fretti have prior knowledge of the activities of the Toledo Police Department bearing on pinball machines. This incoming call at 10:50 am on August 28, 1936, was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd and is as follows:

Man calling: Say, Joe, this is Carl Cooper. I just heard from Bush that they picked up one of the automatic machines near the Sherlock bakery on Detroit Avenue. Is it one of yours?

Joe Fretti: This is the first I have heard of it. We do have a machine near there in a drug store but up to eight o'clock last nite there were no complaints, and if any such thing was going to happen, we'd know about it ahead of time. I got all our machines open and running, and we absolutely will know if anything is going to happen, so don't worry and go along as usual. The thing we got to do is to watch and be a little careful. Just as soon as a complaint comes in, we know about it.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at
11:27 am on September 8, 1936:

Man calling: This is Al Shearer
Joe Fretti: Lucas called me over this morning and told me about the police going to tighten up on all pinball machines located within 400' of a school. This is the city ordinance. He is going to give me a list of all these machines this afternoon; I will check them then and see what I can do with them. It won't be necessary to take the machines out today. If we have to, we can replace them with slots. Babe Johnson in the Medical Arts Building says he was notified to take the machines out right away; they're our customers, but I am not going to do anything until I get the list from Lucas and see what machines are named.

Shearer: Will the police grab them today?
Joe Fretti: No, go ahead as usual and have your customers play them. I will let you know after I talk to Lucas.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 3:35 pm on September 8, 1936: (Bill Lucas of the Radio Barn is calling)

Lucas: Joe, I've got that list for you.
Joe Fretti: When are you going home, Bill?
Lucas: Right away.
Joe Fretti: I'll be over in five minutes.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:31 am on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: This is 570 Detroit. The officer was here this morning and told us to take out two pinball machines which he said were in the school zone. He said that if I did not take them out immediately, he would take them out for me, so I just thought I'd let you know. I have them covered now in the back-room.

Ben Fretti: We knew all about this and that the officers were going to call. We are seeing about it this morning. You didn't have to take the machines down; go ahead and play them until you hear from me.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 3:45 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: This is Shearer. Say, Joe, I understand the motorcycle cops are calling on places and telling them that their machines must come out or they'll grab them.

Joe Fretti: Why, we got the information in advance. I have a list here and there are quite a number of places. It is the city ordinance. No machines are allowed within 400' of any school.

Man calling: They are not going to pick up the machines?

Joe Fretti: Not yet; I'll let you know when to take them out.....

The following conversation that either money or a gift may have been left at the Radio Barn by Joe Fretti or his associates for Officer William Lucas: (incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:03 pm on September 8, 1936:

Man calling: asked if Fike is there (Fike answers the phone)
Officer Lucas: Say, I have a few more spots for you. Stop over and see me at the Radio Building (Toledo PD) after one o'clock.

Fike: OK and say there's a package there for you; pick it up on the way home.

Lucas: Alright.

From the following conversation it is apparent that pinball machines operating as gambling devices continue to have pay-off boxes in violation of the licensing statute:

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10 am on August 24, 1936:

man calling: This is Joe. George, what's the word?
Joe Fretti: You better lock up every box you've got; the inspection starts today. Keep them locked for a few days - until you hear from me.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:12 am August 24, 1935:

Man calling: This is Davis; did you call me?
Joe Fretti: Yes, get right on the job and lock all your payable boxes. They're going to inspect today. Don't open them until you hear from me.

From the following conversation it appears that the Fretti brothers occasionally arrange for a pinball machine to be picked up, probably for the purpose of making it appear to the public that the police department is active in suppressing pinball machines operating as gambling devices.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 9:32 am on August 27, 1936:

Man calling: This is Bob Bartells, Bernie (apparently one of the collectors for Fretti brothers)
What's this I read in the paper this morning about picking up a machine.
Bernie: Yeah, we had it arranged. There's a reason for it. You can open up the boxes and play the machines, but use checks instead of nickels.

The following conversation indicates that there is corruption in the issuing of licenses for mechanical amusement devices, the intimation being that Wilson (probably a Toledo police officer) and one Herman are collecting \$20 on each license issued.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 4:15 pm on August 28, 1936:

Budrow: Let me talk to Herman (Herman goes to phone)
(phonetic) Herman, what about them?
Herman: Is Wilson there?
Wilson: Herman, see that no one is on the extension phone and don't let anyone hear you. You've been paying that "S of a B" \$2.00; give him the gate; we were supposed to get \$1 each and the B so and so never came across; I arranged the license.
Herman: Alright, George, I get you.

The following conversations indicate prosecutions concerning the operation of pinball machines are fixed in court. Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:15 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: This is Fetzer (phonetic). Well, I have got a \$25 fine and costs and the diggers machines were continued until 2:30 pm next Tuesday.

Joe Fretti: I don't know why you didn't go to bat? Judge Merlin told Cohen (attorney) that if we fought the case, he was not going to find you guilty.

Fetzer: Well, it can't be helped now. Joe, I thought it was the best thing to do in order to keep things down and thought there was everything against me.

Joe Fretti: No, it can't be helped now.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 4:04 pm on September 9, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, this is Cooper; I thought you were going to be over at court this morning.

Joe Fretti: No need of me being there when we had the attorneys to represent us.

Cooper: I see Fetzer got off alright.

Joe Fretti: Yes, I had that taken care of; I was over this morning and saw Lucas.

Probably because of the authority that they know they have with the Toledo Police Department the Fretti brothers exhibit an audacity and boldness in dealing with police officers regarding confiscating pinball machines.

The following conversations indicate that Joe and Ben Fretti openly express over the telephone their opinions about investigating officers and threaten when an officer investigates pinball machines operated by them.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:15 pm on August 18, 1936:

Man calling: This is Mickey. I just learned that a "copper" is going around with the inspectors to play the race horse machines. I am in a place right now where he is playing.

Man answering: Did you tell the fellow not to pay him off?

Other man: I already attended to that. Did you get the name of the copper that is going out with the inspector?

Man calling: I think it's Wilson

Other man: OK; I will send Joe over to look after it.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 10:58 am on August 18, 1936:

Woman calling: Joe, I got some nice news for you. They are coming up and I have got to prepare something for dinner. (At this part of the conversation Agent Dowd heard someone tell Joe Fretti that he was wanted on the other telephone located in the Fretti brothers place of business.)

Agent Dowd overheard Joe Fretti ask the woman calling (apparently his wife) to hold the wire while he answered the other telephone and the following statement made by Joe Fretti was overheard by Agent Dowd:

Joe Fretti: Now listen, Wilson, you want to be a detective don't you; well, now take a tip from me and stall around for an hour and the license will be there for the table. What's the big hurry?

Joe Fretti then answered the other telephone and continues a conversation with the above-mentioned woman concerning domestic affairs.

Incoming call overheard by Agent Dowd at 12:27 pm on August 27, 1936:

Man calling: This is Dick; let me talk to Ben Fretti
(Ben Fretti gets on the phone)

Man calling: Say, Ben, what's the dope on the machines?
Ben Fretti: Everything is alright; we arranged to have the test case continued until the 14th as we question the validity of the ordinance. In the meantime, everything is arranged to open up all the boxes. You just go ahead and operate.

Man calling: Yeah, but if we get pinched, who pays the fine?
Ben Fretti: If there's any trouble, we stand good for the \$50 fine.

Man calling: There are two patrolmen on the beat out here and they came in making inquiries about the machines but we had them locked.

Ben Fretti: Hell, open them up. What's the names of these coppers?

Man calling: I don't know; the one in the afternoon seems to be a pretty good fellow.

Ben Fretti: Get the names right away and see me and we'll see that they don't bother you.

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:58 am on September 3, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, have you got a spot at 516 Front: two coppers were there a little while ago making inquiries; looks like they might want to grab the machines.

Joe Fretti: Yeah, we got machines there. Thanks for calling; I will look it up and have them put away.

Ben and Joe Fretti apparently are not averse to using racketeering methods in preventing competitors from entering the pinball machine business in Toledo, Ohio

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:13 pm on August 27, 1936: (Guy Shearer talks with Ben Fretti)

Guy Shearer: Ben, get this ad in last nite's paper: Attention, shopkeepers - pinball machines cheap sold, rented and exchanged and serviced, 436 Superior Street. Is he connected with you?

Ben Fretti: No, I never heard of the place but don't get confused. If they are attempting to sell pinball machines to the shopkeepers, they are going to get an awful trimming. You know we are not in business for our health. Just as soon as they put in a machine alongside ours we will take ours out and after they lose a few machines, pay \$50 fines and go into court, they won't last. What we got to do is keep our collectors on the alert and whenever they find any of these machines, fill them with slugs and we'll take care of the rest As I said before, instruct all collectors to be on the look-out for any of these new machines, and if you get any further information d it, let me know.

Joe and Ben Fretti have obtained the distributing agency for Regal beer in ten counties in northwestern Ohio. On August 12, 1936, in an interview had with Ben Fretti by Special Agents John L. Madala and J. V. Murphy, Fretti stated when reference was made to several hundred cases of Regal beer in stock in their place of business at 514 Monroe Street that he and his brother, Joe, had the distributing agency for this Regal beer in the above-mentioned territory and that he moved from his former location, 504 Monroe, on August 7, 1936, to obtain larger quarters.

The following conversation indicates that the Fretti brothers are using the typical "muscling" methods of racketeering in order to distribute this beer. Incoming call overheard by Agent E. J. Dowd at 11:48 am on August 17, 1936, the conversation being between Joe Fretti and an unknown man calling

Man calling: Eddie at 801 Cherry Street, listed to Mother H., operator of a house of prostitution at 627 Ontario Street, is hot under the collar. Ray O'Boyle was in there and told him he would have to take 25 cases of beer. Eddie said he didn't like the way O'Boyle talked to him; that he uses about 70 cases of beer a week and has arrangements with three other breweries; that when he buys 25 cases he gets one free. Tell Eddie we fired Ray O'Boyle; that we'll meet his proposition. He pays for 24 cases and gets one free.

Joe Fretti:

Thereafter Special Agent E. J. Dowd engaged in a conversation with Bennie Puttler at the Adams Cafe, 17th and Adams Streets. Puttler is a bartender at this cafe, which is operated by "Mucky" Levine. Puttler stated to Agent Dowd that a salesman for Regal beer came to the Adams Cafe and stated that this place was down for two cases of beer; that the Dutch Village night club was down to take 25 cases of beer a week and mentioned several other places which have been allotted a specific number of cases of beer that they were to take each week. Puttler stated that the beer was taken, but no effort was made to sell same.

Information was likewise obtained over the Fretti brothers telephone tap indicating that such was their influence that they could also arrange for cafes to remain open after the closing hours in violation of the closing hour law, as indicated by the following conversation:

Incoming call overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 4:15 pm on August 18, 1936:

Man calling: Joe, (Fretti), I am going to open up the Weatherly Cafe Thursday nite and expect a big crowd, it being opening nite; I was wondering, Joe, if you couldn't do me a favor and fix it up for me to remain open all nite. I have a 2:30 license but am expecting a mob after the other joints close and it will give me a chance to make a little money that nite.

Joe Fretti: I will be glad to see what I can do. I will call you on the telephone tomorrow or it may be better for you to call me tomorrow afternoon and I will let you know definitely.

Incoming call bverheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd at 12:45 pm on August 20, 1936:

Man calling: This is Casey. What did you find out, Joe, about allowing us to stay open tonite?

Joe Fretti: I tried to get it through but I am told nothing doing, this being your opening night you will probably have 25 or 30 saloon keepers there, and if you are allowed to keep open, there will be all kinds of "beefs" from them. What I suggest is that you close your doors at 2:30 and serve the people who are inside.

Casey: That's taking a chance though.

Joe Fretti: Well, that's the only thing I can suggest.

Definite information was obtained that persons operating slot machines and pin ball machines in Toledo, Ohio, are compelled to pay a certain amount of money for each machine so operated to the Fretti brothers. On July 30, 1936, "Turk" Tobin was interviewed by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and he stated that about June 15, 1936, he came to Toledo, Ohio, with his employer, Mike Boosaris, for the purpose of placing in operation some automatic "digger" machines. These digger machines are electrically operated cranes which are placed in operation by the insertion of a nickel in a slot and the player attempts to so direct the small electric crane that it will pick up one of numerous prizes placed inside of the machine. Tobin stated that at the time that he and Boosaris came to Toledo they got in touch with Joe Fretti and Boosaris agreed to pay Joe Fretti \$1.50 each week for each machine he operated in Toledo, Ohio; that after this agreement was made a card was placed in each machine operated by Boosaris, the card being an identifying mark indicating that a weekly payment was made to Joe Fretti for the operation of such machine, the card reading: "Crane Operators Association, Toledo, Ohio"; that if such arrangements for protection had not been made with Joe Fretti, the digger machines would have been either hi-jacked or destroyed by hoodlums connected with the Fretti brothers. Tobin stated that it was his duty to pay the \$1.50 per week for each machine to Joe Fretti but that he failed to do so but pocketed the money for his own use.

Apparent alteration of Police Records,
Gross Neglect of Duty By Police Officers,
"Pasket" Complaints,

Officer L. D. Mills of the Toledo Police Department, residence 2517 Portsmouth Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, upon interview stated that on July 15, 1936, at about 2 A.M. he arrested a notorious "pimp" named Allen Hackenthorn, and booked him "on suspicion" in order that he could thoroughly investigate this individual. Without Mills' knowledge, someone changed the charge to "suspicious person", which charge permitted Hackenthorn to be released on bond and Hackenthorn was released; that he, Mills, did not learn of this until after Hackenthorn's release and he expressed his opinion that Detective Art Langendorf was responsible for changing the charge placed against Hackenthorn.

In referring to the present set up at the Toledo Police Department, Detective James Ford mentioned that when Mayor Klotz was in office in 1934 to 1935, one John Price was Safety Director, who was considered honest and reliable; that Price had as his secretary a man by the name of Wagner, who was reported to be connected with Ted Angus and the Fretti Brothers; Ford stated that Wagner is presently secretary to City Manager Edy.

Indicative of the laxity of law enforcement in the city of Toledo on the part of members of the Toledo Police Department is the statement made by police officer Arthur Brown, residence 728 Humboldt St., to Special Agents R. C. Suran and D. P. Sullivan on June 15, 1936. Brown stated, in referring to members of the Barker-Karpis "hanging out" at the Casino Club that he was acquainted with Wm. J. Harrison under the name of Willie and had seen this man on three or four occasions at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934; that Willie told him that he had been residing at Hammond, Indiana, and that he had been in a hotel room with a girl who jumped out of the window; that as a result the police charged Willie with attempt to rape this girl. Brown further stated that Willie told him that the charge was without foundation as the girl had jumped out of the bath room window herself but that because of a change in the city administration he could not do anything about the charge and had to leave town. Brown could not explain why he did not report this matter to the Hammond Police Department, knowing that Willie was wanted on a charge of attempt to rape.

In referring to Willie Harrison, officer John McCarthy, residing at 644 Colburn St., Toledo, Ohio, advised Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn, on August 10, 1936, that he knew Willie Harrison as "Little Willie"; that he met Harrison at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 and learned from him that he was from northern Indiana, near Chicago, and was in Toledo, Ohio, waiting for the "heat" to blow over in some Indiana town where he had gotten in bad with a woman; that he, McCarthy, understood from "Little Willie" that he was charged with some offense resulting from a woman jumping out of a hotel window. McCarthy did not explain when questioned why he did not investigate to find out whether Harrison was a fugitive.

Information was obtained in the course of this investigation regarding so-called "basket" complaints.

[redacted] confidentially advised Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy on June 13, 1936, that during the time Geo. Timiney was in charge of the Vice Squad,

[redacted] Captain

Timiney issued orders [redacted] to keep out of the "sporting houses" except on complaint; that complaints against houses were made known to the Vice Squad by means of memoranda from Captain Timiney, which memoranda were placed in the Vice Squad complaint basket. These complaints usually were couched in general language and stated in substance that at a certain address there was "window knocking", "indecent exposure", etc., and that the complaint should be given immediate attention. The memoranda never stated who made the complaint and these were called by members of the Vice Squad "basket" complaints and were usually issued to the Vice Squad shortly after the 15th of each month. Mention has been made in this report that when a madame of a house of prostitution failed to make a monthly payment for protection the Vice Squad would raid the houses operated by such madames and it is probable that these "basket" complaints were directed against some such operators of houses of prostitution who had failed to make payments of protection money for that month.

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The following information was obtained, which shows that it is evident that certain members of the Toledo Police Department do not live within the salary that is paid to them by the Toledo Police Department.

Miss Deene Allen, Apt. 4, 220 Monroe St., when interviewed by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy, stated that during the time she lived with George Timiney, up until the fall of 1932, that Timiney spent money freely and on one occasion he purchased for her a new automobile and took a trip with her through Canada, the trip costing about \$500.00; that on another occasion she found a list in Timiney's clothes of 93 disorderly houses after he had met Ted Angus in front of a disorderly house located on Orange Street in Toledo, Ohio; that Timiney spent more money than he could possibly have received as salary from the Toledo Police Department.

Frank Greenwald, who operates the Private Cab Company, stated, upon interview, that it was noticeable that shortly after certain individuals in the Police Department were placed on the Hoodlum and Vice Squads, they would show up with new clothes, new automobiles and generally presented a condition of wealth, whereas prior to that time these individuals would usually be broke and would be borrowing money from any one who cared to loan it to them.

Gambling Houses

R. & K. Smoke Shop, 428½ Superior St.

On June 29, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at the above address, which is located over the DeVeaux Restaurant. It was found that this smoke shop occupied the entire second floor, the front being partitioned off and occupied by a lunch room and smoke shop and the rear portion is fitted out as a horse racing bookie shop. Three men are employed at this place at the betting counter in taking and cashing bets; one man is employed making a large board displaying the names of horses entered at various notorious race tracks in the United States; another man is employed in the rear of this gambling place announcing race track information over a loud speaker; a black jack game is

operated at this bookie place and at the time of this investigation there were numerous people engaged in betting at this address.

Superior Sports Center, 120 Superior St.

On May 29, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at this address. They noted that an open doorway from the street leads into a large room approximately 60 x 40 ft. In this room a race horse book shop is located with boards extending the length and width of the room, giving horses running in all races at six different race tracks in the United States. Race track information is broadcast in this room by means of a loud speaker; eight employees behind a counter occupy themselves in taking bets on the various horse races; a "black jack" and "21" game are in open operation at this gambling place; there is also a "chuck-a-luck" game in open operation in this room. This place is an unrestricted gambling place and is open to the public without passes or identification.

The Toledo newspapers carried news items to the effect that the Lucas County Grand Jury in session at Toledo, Ohio, on June 17th and 18th 1936, was making an inquiry into vice and gambling in Toledo. This Grand Jury subpoenaed the owners of the following pieces of property where gambling places are operated, namely

The Buckeye, 229½ Superior St.
Superior Sports Center, 120 Superior St.
The Jovial Club, 631 St Clair St.
Courtesy Club, 513½ Jefferson St.

On June 18, 1936, Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy made an investigation at the Superior Sports Center and the Buckeye and the Courtesy Club, and it was noted they experienced no difficulty in gaining entrance to these places as they were being openly operated and apparently the Grand Jury inquiry had little or no effect on their operation.

That gambling is going on to the knowledge of the members of the Toledo Police Department is evident from the statement made by Officer Wm. Myers of the Vice Squad of the Toledo Police Department when he was interviewed. He stated

that he knew of several gambling establishments and named several of the above mentioned gambling places already named in this report. Myers further stated that a person from the street could hear the loud speakers at the Buckeye and at 120 Superior St., calling out the results of horse races.

Gambling places have openly operated at Toledo, Ohio, for many years and members of the Toledo Police Department apparently are aware that they should not interfere with the operation of such houses. Detective L. Shimmon, residence 1619 Schomberg St., Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed on August 4, 1936, stated that he was assigned to the Vice Squad from April or May 1933 until August 1933 and was exclusively assigned to work on gambling; that during that period Bennie Harris and Bennie Aronoff were having an argument and the Police Department was on the side of Bennie Aronoff, which resulted in the Toledo Police Department raiding Bennie Harris frequently; that he, Shimmon, refused to concentrate his efforts against Bennie Harris inasmuch as both Harris and Aronoff were violating the law; that as a result of his attitude he was removed from the Vice Squad.

SLOT MACHINES (LUCAS COUNTY)

Investigation carried on incidental to the harboring investigation being conducted at Toledo, Ohio, from June 1st up until the present date has resulted in obtaining information indicating that slot machines and pinball machines are openly operated in Lucas County; that in great measure the ownership of such slot and pinball machines is vested in Tom Worland. Evidence has been obtained that Worland's interests in such illegal gambling devices are protected by the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County, in that his slot machines apparently have a legal immunity from confiscation; that slot and pinball machines operated by competitors of Worland are frequently confiscated by the Office of the Sheriff, while Worland's machines are untouched; that, as a result of this general understanding, there appears to be a general reluctance on the part of special deputy sheriffs to interfere in any way with the pinball or slot machines operated by Tom Worland and leave the matter of investigating such violations of law as operating illegal slot machines to the Sheriff's Office; that the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County apparently is aware of the fact that slot and pinball machines are operated in various parts of Lucas County, inasmuch as a survey of pinball and slot machines was made by County Prosecutor Frazier Reams, and the definite information concerning the places where slot and pinball machines were found was turned over by Mr. Reams to Sheriff James O'Reilly a few months ago; that deputy sheriffs interviewed admitted knowledge of pinball and slot machines being in Lucas County and of confiscating pinball and slot machines operated by competitors of Tom Worland; that Worland's machines are touched only when a specific complaint is made concerning a certain machine being operated.

The following slot machines were found by agents who will be named hereinafter at the addresses noted during the time that investigation was being made at Toledo, Ohio, and vicinity in connection with the harboring case:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	C. W. Hecht Holland, Ohio	3	DeLuxe Service
do	do	O. W. Young, Chicago Pike and Eber Road	1	DeLuxe Service

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6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	G. J. O'Brien Valley Wood Golf Club, Chicago Pike	2	Deluxe Service
8-22-36	J. V. Murphy R. C. Suran	Adams Lunch, Junct., US Hwy 20 and St. Hwy 263	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Garden Gate Cafe US Hwy 20 and St. Hwy 263	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Nationwide Grocery Junct., US Hwy 20 and Dulton Drive	4	do
do	do	Dick Witt store Waterville, Ohio	1	not known
8-25-36	do	Veterans of Foreign Wars Club, Point Place, Ohio	1	R G Kerr, 32 Maher St., Toledo, Ohio
8-28-36	do	Z.O. Harper, Junct., Hwy 2 and US Hwy 208.	2	Tom Worland
do	do	Lunchroom, South Side, US Hwy 208 within Lucas County Line	1	Tom Worland
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	Red and White Grocery Intersect., Ind., Ill. and Conant Streets, Maumee, Ohio	2	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Dale Holmes, Holmes Grocery, Cor., Conant and Dudley Streets, Maumee, Ohio	1	DeLuxe Service

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	Hi-Speed Gasoline Station, J. M. Todd, Manager, Telegraph Rd., near Ohio-Wich. line	3	DeLuxe Service
do	do	G. W. Crabb, The Roundhouse, Telegraph Rd.	4	W-B Service Co.
do	do	Myron J. Crabb, Crab Service Station, cor., Alexis and Telegraph Rds.	2	DeLuxe Service
do	do	F. E. Tiplady Tiplady Service Station Telegraph Rd and Orville Drive	2	DeLuxe Service
do	do	Mrs. Nedea, Top-Notch Lunch stand	1	do
do	do	H. Peterson Canary Cottage 4713 Detroit Avenue	1	do
do	do	Wayne Eddington The Bungalow 4712 Detroit Avenue	1	do

The following pinball machines were found in Lucas County
in investigation incidental to the harboring case being conducted at
Toledo, Ohio, by the agents hereinafter noted:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	F.J. Hickey Cgo. Pike US	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	A. Codes, Code's Wayside Inn - Cgo. Pike	2	do

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AGENTS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
6-1-36	E. J. Dowd J. V. Murphy	P. G. Plummer Plum Garden- Cgo. Pike	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	G. J. O'Brien Valleywood Golf Club, Chicago Pike	1	do
6-1-36	do	Dale Holmes, Holmes Grill, cor. Conant and Dudley Streets. Maumee, Ohio	1	do
6-1-36	do	G. W. Crabb, The Roundhouse, Telegraph Road	1	W-B Service Co.
do	do	Dixie Inn Telegraph Road	1	DeLuxe Service
do	do	H. Peterson, Canary Cottage, 4713 Detroit Avenue	1	do
do	do	Wayne Eddington The Bungalow 4712 Detroit Avenue	1	DeLuxe Service
5-26-36	do	James Coleman, Granada Gardens, Secor and Monroe Sts.	2	do
8-22-36	J. V. Murphy R. C. Suran	Dick Witt's Store, Waterville, Ohio	1	not known
do	do	Waylog Inn Waterville, Ohio	2	not known
do	do	Saloon- Whitehouse, O.	2	not known
do	do	Saloon- Whitehouse, O.	1	not known

At most of the places above mentioned where slot machines and pinball machines were found the investigating agents played such machines and learned that they paid in either cash or tokens, which the owners of the places where such machines are located would exchange such tokens for cash or merchandise.

Tom Worland, DeLuxe Service Company, 129 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E.J. Dowd advised that the DeLuxe Service Company is a trade-name used by him; that all slot and pinball machines in Lucas County operated by him bear a sticker tag of the DeLuxe Service Company; that he also permits other operators of slot and pinball machines to place on their machines the sticker tag of the DeLuxe Service Company; that at the time of the interview he had not more than a hundred machines in various places in Lucas County and was operating not more than ten or fifteen pinball machines in the city of Toledo, Ohio; that slot and pinball machines operated by him in Lucas County outside of the city limits of Toledo pay rewards in cash of 5¢ denomination; that the pinball machines, however, pay rewards in tokens only but that the tokens are fully cashed by the merchants where the machines are located, and the DeLuxe Service Company takes up the tokens for exchange in cash.

Worland admitted that he knew that the operation of slot and pinball machines was illegal. He denied, however, that he was "paying-off" any city or county officials to permit him to operate but stated that from time to time he donates campaign funds to both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Joseph A. Becker on June 2nd (1936) was interviewed by Special Agents Dowd and Murphy at 2305 Caledonia Street, Toledo, Ohio, and stated that he was a deputy sheriff during 1928 and 1929 under former Sheriff Joseph Zimmerman; that he owns about fifteen slot machines and about twenty pinball machines, which are located in various places in Lucas County; that, in addition, he takes care of about fifty slot and pinball machines for Tom Worland, owner of the DeLuxe Service Company; that all of the machines owned by him as well as Worland's machines are placed with merchants and others on a fifty-fifty basis; that he purchased his machines from Tom Worland; that he receives from Worland twenty-five per cent of the income from the machines owned by Worland, which he, Becker, takes to cover for services rendered on them; that he does not operate any machines in the city of Toledo.

Mr. Chester A. Hunter, 807 Alvinson Road, Toledo, Ohio, when interviewed on June 2, 1936, by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and J. V. Murphy stated that he takes care of twenty-six slot machines and thirty four pinball machines at various locations in Lucas County for Tom Worland of the DeLuxe Service Company; that he personally owns nineteen slot machines and fifteen pinball machines; that these machines are placed and operated on fifty-fifty basis with the owners of the places where the machines are located; that he operates his machines with DeLuxe Service Company stickers placed thereon and for the use of that service he buys his machines from the DeLuxe Service Company and pays two dollars a month for the use of the DeLuxe Service Company telephone; that for collecting from and servicing DeLuxe Service Company machines he receives twenty-five cents on each machine serviced.

From the above it will be noted that Worland and other operators of slot and pinball machines in Lucas County apparently do not operate any such machines in the city of Toledo; that with the exception of the ten or fifteen pinball machines mentioned by Tom Worland, which he states he operates in the city of Toledo, Ohio, he and other operators by some mutual agreement, apparently with the operators of pinball and slot machines in the city of Toledo, restrict their activities to the county.

Evidence was obtained during this investigation indicating that while Tom Worland apparently operates pinball and slot machines with comparative immunity from confiscation by the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County, other operators of pinball and slot machines are hindered by the repeated confiscation of their machines by the Office of the Sheriff.

In this connection, William Poulos, when interviewed by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran at the Penny Arcade, Kim's Place, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on August 23, 1936, stated that he operated slot machines in various parts of Lucas County for the past three years up until four or five months ago; that the number of machines operated by him varied; that at one time he had as many as thirty machines operating in various parts of the county; that about four or five months prior to the interview had with him Sheriff O'Reilly came to him and instructed him to take all of his slot machines out of Lucas County, but O'Reilly did not give him, Poulos, any reason why he should take his machines out of the county, while Tom Worland was permitted to continue operations; that Worland thereafter continued to operate apparently without being bothered by the Sheriff's Office; that in various places where he had placed slot machines deputy

sheriffs of Lucas County came in and removed such slot machines, although they failed to disturb slot machines operated by the DeLuxe Service Company that might be located in the immediate neighborhood. Verification of the fact that the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County condones the operation of slot and pinball machines by Tom Worland at the same time that it confiscates slot machines and pinball machines operated by competitors is made in the statement of H. Cooper, who was interviewed on August 31, 1936, by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran. Mr. Cooper operates a filling station and grocery store at the corner of Whitford and Monroe Streets, Sylvania, Ohio.

Cooper stated that about eight months prior to the date he was interviewed, Poulos, a Greek, (apparently William Poulos), operator of the W-B Service, put in one 5¢ slot machine in his place of business; that about a week after it had been in the place Deputy Sheriff Sharkey came in and said he had orders to remove the machine and took it out; that after this took place and shortly before the interview had with Cooper, a man employed by Tom Worland came into the store and asked Cooper to permit him to place a pinball machine in the store, and that he, Cooper, refused to have such done.

Definite information showing that Tom Worland's interests in slot and pinball machines operating in Lucas County are protected by the Sheriff's Office was obtained from interview had by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran with O. W. Plotner, who operates a filling station and store at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Warrington Street in Lucas County. Plotner stated that Poulos of the W-B Service Company had a 5¢ slot machine in the place of business operated by him, Plotner; that shortly after this slot machine was put in operation a man employed by Worland stopped into the store and observed the W-B Service Company slot machine; that about a week later a deputy sheriff came to the service station and told Plotner that he had received a complaint from some teachers' association about the slot machine and ordered Plotner to remove it.

Plotner stated that a Mrs. Tiplady operated a filling station adjacent to his filling station; that she was principal of a school; that when he advised the deputy sheriff that Mrs. Tiplady had slot machines in her place of business, the deputy sheriff pretended surprised to learn of this, then proceeded to Mrs. Tiplady's place of business and thereafter returned and

advised Plotner that Mrs. Tiplady had been instructed to remove these machines; that the machines were removed from his place of business and from Mrs. Tiplady's place of business at that time, but that the machines were replaced in Mrs. Tiplady's place of business shortly thereafter; that this took place about the first part of the year 1936; that about five months after the above-mentioned occurrence the W-B Service Company placed a 1¢ slot machine in his filling station and that this machine was shortly thereafter removed by the same deputy sheriff who had previously removed the other slot machine of the W-B Service Company, which had been placed in Mr. Plotner's place of business; that various slot machines owned and operated by Tom Worland are located in various filling stations along Telegraph Road in the vicinity of his, Plotner's, filling station; that these machines bear a sticker of the De-Luxe Service Company and that they apparently are not bothered or removed by the Office of the Sheriff.

It appears from the investigation conducted in Lucas County that it is generally known that slot machines and pinball machines are openly operated there.

W. H. Seed, Justice of the Peace, Sylvania Township, Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, when interviewed on August 19, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy stated that he understood that Tom Worland had slot machines and crap games in the "Dug-out", a gambling house operated by Tom Worland; that he does not consider it his business to look for slot machines and that if he received a complaint about one, he would probably refer the matter to the Sheriff's Office, particularly if the slot machines were in a place of business of a friend of the Constable and would embarrass the Constable to make an arrest or remove the machines.

It appears to be the general understanding in Lucas County that the question of confiscating slot machines illegally operated in the county is left entirely to the Sheriff's Office. Special deputies apparently understand that it is not a part of their duties to take any action against the slot machinists.

Carl Fisher, Justice of the Peace, who operates a grocery store at the intersection of Highways Nos. 20 and 263 in Lucas County when interviewed on August 22, 1936, by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy stated that the constables working out of his office carry deputy sheriff commissions but would take no action against slot machines, as that is a matter that would be left up to the Sheriff's Office, and as Justice of the Peace

he left prosecution of the slot machine cases to the Prosecutor's Office. The fact that these slot and pinball machines are openly operated in Lucas County is known to law enforcement officials in that county, and it appears evident from the statement made by Justice of the Peace Fisher when asked why pinball and slot machines were permitted to operate openly in Lucas County - he merely smiled and stated "I suppose fees are paid to the Sheriff", but would not enlarge on that statement.

This is borne out by the statement of Z. O. Harper, who operates a filling station on Rural Route #4, Swanton, Ohio, when he was interviewed by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. V. Murphy on August 28, 1936. At that time Mr. Harper advised that the 5¢ slot machine and the 1¢ slot machine in his place of business have been continuously located in his store for the past five years; that various deputy sheriffs visit his place of business for the purpose of using the telephone; that these slot machines, which are placed in a conspicuous position in his filling station, apparently are seen by these deputy sheriffs, who, however, take no action to confiscate them.

Deputy sheriffs of Lucas County, when interviewed by Agents, have admitted knowing of slot and pinball machines operating in Lucas County as is verified by the interview had with Deputy Sheriff Donald Cochrane, 2048 Warren Street, on August 27, 1936, by Special Agents E. J. Wynn and D. F. Sullivan. When asked whether he, Cochrane, had knowledge of a survey of slot machines and pinball machines made by Frazier Reams, County Prosecutor, recently, Cochrane stated that a list of various places where slot and pinball machines were located was turned over to the Sheriff's Office; that the Sheriff's Office checked on it but he did not know what the ultimate result was.

Deputy Sheriffs of Lucas County admit that altho the operation of slot and pinball machines paying off in cash or in tokens which are exchangeable for cash or merchandise is illegal; nevertheless, they know of no case where prosecutive action is taken against the operators of such slot machines. On the occasion when Deputy Sheriff Donald Cochrane was interviewed, as heretofore mentioned, he stated that during the time he has been employed by the Sheriff's Office since January 1935, he can not recall any person being prosecuted for owning or operating any gambling or slot machines operated in the County of Lucas.

When questioned for an explanation as to why prosecutive action was not taken Cochrane could not give any adequate reason other than to state that the proprietors of various places from which slot machines and pinball machines were taken did not reveal who the owners of these machines were.

Further confirmation of the fact that the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County is advised of the presence of slot and pinball machines in that county was obtained through an interview had with Deputy Sheriff George J. Zang by Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and E. J. Wynn, on August 27, 1936. Zang at that time stated that as far as he knew no person or group of persons was given immunity so far as control of slot and pinball machines was concerned. He advised that whenever he discovered slot machines in Lucas County he brings them in, but later contradicted himself by saying that he did not know of a place where there were slot machines, indicating that he had some reason for not bothering these machines but would not elaborate on the matter.

That the influence of operators of slot and pinball machines in Lucas County bears considerable weight with the law enforcement officials in that county is borne out by the statement made by Constable and Deputy Sheriff Corrothers on September 1, 1936, when interviewed by Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran. At that time Corrothers was interviewed at his residence on Penn Road, Adams Township, in Lucas County, and he mentioned that he visits the "Dug-out", a gambling house operated by Tom Worland on Hill Avenue almost daily; that there are dice tables in operation at that place, altho he does not go into the rooms where the dice games are operated, and that there are five or more slot machines operating in this place; that he left slot machine matters up to the Sheriff's Office, altho he is a deputy sheriff; that the main reason he did not want to touch slot machines is because he does not desire to interfere with someone else's business and get "taken for a ride"; that he knows he has a right as a constable to close up this gambling establishment but knows it would be opened up the next day; that if he continued to close up such a place, he feared someone would catch him when he came home some late and "take him for a ride"; and that he had no desire to be killed; that at different times he has seen regularly salaried deputy sheriffs present at the "Dug-out"; that these men apparently take no action to confiscate slot machines located in that gambling establishment.

Definite information was obtained from Deputy Sheriff Charles Sharkey as will be hereinafter set forth, showing that Sheriff James J. O'Reilly is cognizant of the fact that slot and pinball machines are operating in Lucas County and apparently issued orders to refrain from confiscating slot and pinball machines located in various parts of the county; that Sheriff O'Reilly does not desire to offend the persons who have slot and pinball machines located in their place of business, feeling that if he did disturb such machines he would thereby lose votes; that he, Sharkey, takes action against slot machines operated by the DeLuxe Service Company only when specific complaints are received concerning such machines; that, however, in the case of machines operated by the W-B Service Company he confiscates every machine operated by that service company that he sees, regardless of whether he receives the complaints concerning the operation of the machines or not.

On September 1, 1936, Special Agents J. V. Murphy and R. C. Suran interviewed Deputy Sheriff Charles Sharkey at his home on Plainview Road, RR #2, Toledo, Ohio, and Sharkey stated that he has been a deputy sheriff since January 7, 1935, and was formerly employed as a brick layer; that when Sheriff O'Reilly first took office, he issued instructions that all slot machines in operation in the County of Lucas should be seized; that thereafter he, Sharkey, and his partner, Andrew Carr, seized numerous slot machines irrespective of the ownership of same; that in so doing they incurred the displeasure of various business men who had machines in their places of business, and he reported the fact to the sheriff, and it was decided by the Sheriff that the drive against slot machines, if continued, would seriously interfere with Sheriff O'Reilly's chances for re-election; that the Sheriff then decided that the only machines which should be seized were those against which complaints had been received by the Sheriff's Office. Sharkey at that time admitted that he knew that Tom Worland had several slot machines in the "Dug-out", a gambling house operated by Worland.

Deputy Sheriff Sharkey upon further questioning stated that he did not know of any prosecutive action ever being had in Lucas County in connection with seized slot machines. He stated that he has no use for William Poulos, who operates slot machines on the trade name of the W-B Service; that he considers Poulos as being very unscrupulous, and he, Sharkey, seizes every slot machine that he sees bearing the tag of the W-B Service; that in the case

of slot machines owned by Tom Worland and operated under the trade name of the DeLuxe Service he seizes such slot machines only when a specific complaint concerning one is received by the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Sheriff Sharkey in speaking of the operation of pinball and slot machines in Lucas County stated that the only reason that slot and pinball machines are presently operating in Lucas County is because Sheriff O'Reilly does not desire to offend the persons who have these machines in their places of business and thus lose a lot of votes.

Corruption

Further evidence was obtained indicating that Tom Worland apparently had practical immunity in illegally operating slot machine and pin ball machines in Lucas County.

Tony O'Brien, O'Brien Tavern, 447 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed on August 28, 1936, and he stated that Joe Becker, collector for Tom Worland, advised him that in case he, Tony, allowed him to place slot machines and pin ball games in his place of business, he need not worry about being arrested; that after Becker placed machines in O'Brien's Tavern, he returned on several occasions and took the slot machines out saying that there was temporary "heat" on but that in one or two days Becker would return with them; that about the first part of 1936, the slot machines were taken out altogether but the pin ball machines were left there.

Mrs. Tony O'Brien, wife of Tony O'Brien, was also interviewed on August 28, 1936, and she stated that Sheriff James O'Reilly and James Coleman, who operates the Granada Gardens in Lucas County, are very close friends; that James Coleman has only a beer license but sells hard liquor; that O'Reilly undoubtedly knows that Coleman is violating the law but apparently does not report the fact; that the Granada Gardens remains open throughout the night, as long as James Coleman has customers and that Sheriff O'Reilly apparently takes no steps to see that the Granada Gardens is closed at the legal closing hour.

Investigation was made by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and E. J. Dowd at the "Dugout", a gambling place operated by Tom Worland in Lucas County just outside the city limits of Toledo, Ohio.

This place was found to be an open gambling place with dice and card games in operation and it was noted that there were five or six slot machines in operation at this place. Information was obtained during this investigation that the "Dugout" has operated openly for some years and apparently no attempt has been made by the Sheriff's Office of Lucas County to close this place.

Gambling places apparently are operated in Lucas County without interference by the Sheriff's Office of that county in the past. Louis Greiner, residence 128 15th St., apt. 5, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed on August 6, 1936, and he stated that in October 1929, he opened up a night club known as the Chateau, located about six miles outside the city limits of Toledo, Ohio, in Lucas County; that Chester Marks, who is now deceased, was a partner in this venture; that after Marks died, he continued to operate the Chateau until December 31, 1934, when the place was destroyed by fire; that in addition to the night club at the Chateau, gambling games were also operated at this place; that when the Chateau was first opened Joe Zimmerman was sheriff of Lucas County and he at no time interfered with the gambling operations at the Chateau; that he did not "pay off" to Joe Zimmerman but was very active in Zimmerman's campaign when he was running for office and for this reason the Sheriff permitted him to operate gambling games at the Chateau; that David M. Krieger took office as Sheriff on January 1, 1930, and Krieger likewise did not interfere with the gambling operations at the Chateau.

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